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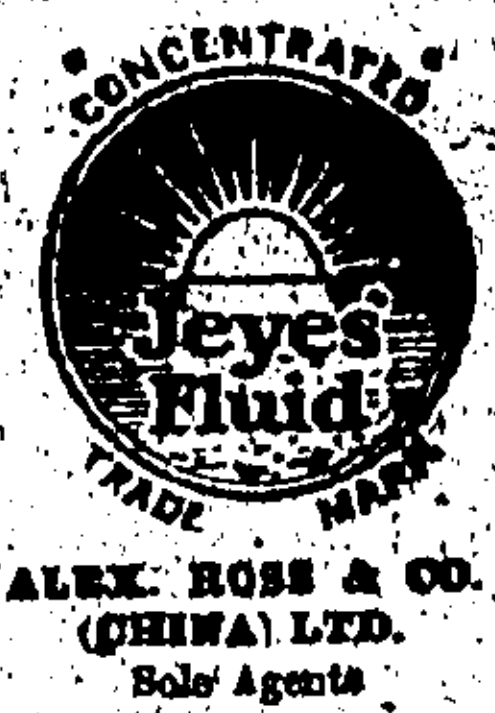


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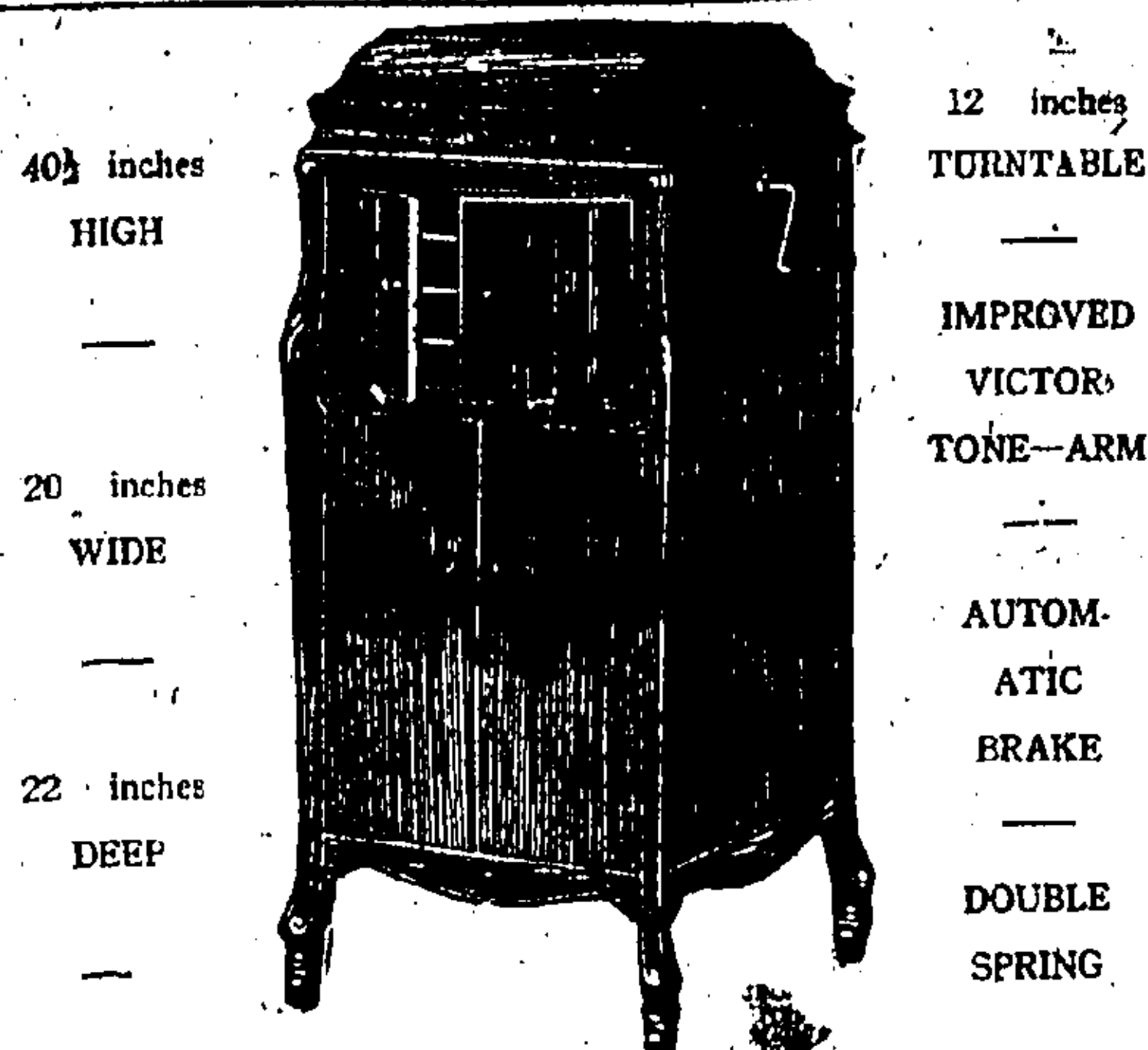
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## OFFICIAL SECRECY. CABINET'S THREE MEETINGS.

REPARATIONS RECRIMINATIONS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, August 1.

The third Cabinet meeting within twenty-four hours was held to-day to consider the French and Belgian replies.

Secrecy is still maintained in official circles and this is not likely to be broken until Mr. Baldwin makes a statement in the House of Commons tomorrow on the holiday adjournment, when there will be a full-dress debate.

Meanwhile it is reliably learned that the Government's examination of the French note has definitely established the fact that it does not represent an appreciable advance on the part of French policy.

It is admitted that there is no chance of a joint Allied reply to Germany at present.

FRENCH PAINED.

PARIS, August 1.

A semi-official statement expresses astonishment and regret at reports from London with regard to the pessimistic feeling created by the French and Belgian replies. The statement complains that while French official circles have observed strict silence with regard to the British note similar reserve does not seem to have been shown in London with regard to the French reply.

The French Government has not been asked to consent to the publication of the Anglo-French correspondence, which would at present be inopportune and could only have advantage for Germany and would show the desire of the British Government to end negotiations.

The statement concludes that the French are deeply attached to the Entente and does not yet wish to believe the British will take this decision before exhausting all means to secure agreement.

INEXORABLE ECONOMICS.

BRITAIN AND EUROPE'S CHAOS.

HARD WINTER AHEAD.

LONDON, August 1.

Reviewing unemployment in the House of Commons, Sir M. Barlow, Minister of Labour, said that a difficult winter was ahead. The occupation of the Ruhr which had firstly seemed to assist the improvement had subsequently had the contrary effect. Nevertheless the unemployment figures had steadily fallen to 1,135,000, but there was no hope of any reduction below 1,000,000 this autumn.

Dealing with Government plans to cope with the situation, Sir M. Barlow mentioned that the whole amount sanctioned under the exports credits scheme had been borrowed and provision had been made for the continuance of the scheme. Government departments were arranging to accelerate work; for example the Post Office was spending £500,000 on trunk telephone cables.

The Government would also again help local authorities to launch new works, such as tramway, gas and electric undertakings. Proposals amounting to several millions sterling had already been submitted, and it was calculated that altogether 300,000 men would be employed.

An abundant harvest was promised. He hoped the peace of Lausanne would result in an industrial boom, but the ultimate solution of the problem would largely depend on the restoration of economic and industrial peace in Europe.

BRITAIN'S CHOICE.

AUSTRALIA AND HER MARKETS.

IMPERIAL PROBLEMS.

MELBOURNE, August 1.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. S. M. Bruce, the Prime Minister, replying to Opposition criticism, defended participation in foreign affairs, declaring that the Imperial defence scheme could only be decided after a full survey of the whole situation. He proposed that the other Dominions' contributions should be equal with Australia's. He opposed France creating another Alsace Lorraine in the Ruhr, but Australia was bound by Britain's policy. He did not intend to dictate anyone's fiscal policy, but if Australia was unable to obtain a market in Britain for her surplus products, he would not hesitate to deal with other countries, some of whom had offered reciprocal treaties.

JAPAN'S CRUISERS.

LONDON, August 1.

In the House of Commons, Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, First Lord of the Admiralty, replying to Lord Curzon, stated that the Washington conference's delegations were aware of the extent of the Japanese light cruiser programme at the time. The programme had been slightly modified since then.

SLOUGH OF DESPOND.

SAVING CHINA FROM HER FATE.

POWERS RAILWAY MEASURES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, August 1.

In the House of Commons, replying to Lt. Col. L. K. Howard Bury, Mr. Ronald McNeill, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the Government was concerned with China had agreed in principle to the establishment of a railway police force under foreign officers. The scheme was now being elaborated in Peking in order that its adoption might be pressed on the Chinese Government.

The suggestion that a conference on the customs surtax and the abolition of likin, to be held three months after the ratification of the Washington treaty by the Powers concerned, should frame general measures for the recovery of China had been rejected after full and careful consideration.

Similarly it had been decided not to summon a special conference of the Powers for a like purpose. He agreed that it was vitally important some decision should be reached by the Powers in order to prevent China descending further into the Slough of Despond.

MAKING PROGRESS.

PRESIDENT FAIRLY COMFORTABLE.

KEEPING UP HIS SPIRITS.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 1.

President Harding's physician issued a statement at 10 o'clock this morning stating: "The president was fairly comfortable this morning after a few hours' sleep. His breathing was less laboured and he had little cough. The lung condition is same as yesterday. He is still much exhausted, but maintains his normal buoyancy of spirit. Small amounts of food were taken regularly. There is a regular and satisfactory elimination. His temperature is 99, pulse 114, and respiration 30. While progress is being made, care is necessary to ensure freedom from further complications."

OUR CONTINENTAL TRADE.

EXPORTS SHOW INCREASE.

LONDON, August 1.

In the House of Commons, replying to Brigadier-General Croft, Lieut. Colonel Buckley, of the Overseas Trade Department, said during the second six months of 1922 the United Kingdom's exports to Germany were £25,000,000 and to France £31,000,000.

The totals for the first six months of 1923 were £31,000,000 and £37,000,000 respectively.

AMERICA ACTIVE.

WASHINGTON, August 1.

The State Department confirms the report that the United States is actively negotiating with Germany through the American Ambassador in Germany for the conclusion of a new commercial treaty based on the principle of the most-favoured nation treatment.

The question of a trade pact has also been taken up with Finland and the other newer European nations.

JAPANESE INVASION.

AUSTRALIA'S FEARS RIDICULOUS.

SCIENTISTS' OPINIONS.

BRISBANE, August 1.

Interviewed by Reuter's representatives Japanese scientists visiting Queensland ridiculed the fear of a Japanese invasion. They said the Japanese were only seeking prosperous trade relations and intellectual cooperation.

Count Yoshii, leader of the party, said that Britain was acting rightly in establishing a naval base at Singapore, which was purely a defensive measure for the purpose of safeguarding peace.

HIGHER WAGES WANTED.

NEW YORK, August 1.

The tramwaymen throughout New Jersey State have struck for increased wages.

[New Jersey State, adjoining New York State, has an area of 8,224 sq. miles, and a population of over 2,600,000.]

TOO BUSY?

NEW YORK, August 1.

Mr. Henry Ford, interviewed, declares that he is not a candidate for the presidency.

[Maker of the famous car which bears his name, Mr. Henry Ford is now reputed to be the world's richest man.]

RELIEVING THE CRUSH.

NEW YORK, August 1.

The "Majestic" will convey a thousand of her European, steerage, passengers, to the Boston immigration station in order to relieve New York of part of the burden imposed by the arrival of 12,000 immigrants up to the present.

(Other news cables will be found on page 2.)

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, 26th July to Wednesday, 8th August, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 10, 1923.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Intending by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 7th day of August, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of Three Lots of CROWN LAND at Ho Mun Tin in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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## MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR

A conference of British, French, and American representatives of the entertainment industry is to be held shortly with a view to combined action as to broadcasting of plays and other entertainments.

Ducommun, a Geneva Alpinist, fell 1,200 feet in the Savoy Alps and was killed; he had almost reached the summit of Pointe Longue when the rock around which his rope was fastened broke away.

The Officers' Treatment Section of the Ministry of Pensions is to be removed from Barton-court, S.W., to - Sanctuary-buildings, Great Smith-street, S.W., and a saving of £2,000 will be made through staff reductions.

At the annual election of sheriffs of the City of London Mr. T. M. Dron and Mr. R. C. Sennett were successful on a show of hands, but a poll was demanded on behalf of the third candidate, Alderman F. J. Barthorpe.

By a referendum the Swiss Canton of Grisons decided to allow motor traffic on certain routes for a trial period of two years; hitherto Grisons has been closed to motorists, but now these will be able to cross the Alps into Italy via the Engadine.

Tiepins in the form of the letter "E," surmounted by the Prince of Wales's feathers, have been sent by the Prince of Wales to Mr. J. Drew, who drove the Birmingham Mayor's car when the Prince visited Birmingham recently, and to two other chauffeurs.

The cash balance of the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers has been reduced during the past year from £405,000 to £222,000, due principally, it is stated, to an expenditure of £128,000 owing to unemployment.

Mrs. Page, the widow of Mr. W. H. Page, the United States Ambassador in London from 1913 to 1918, and her son, arrived at Liverpool from New York, to attend the unveiling of the memorial to Mr. Page in Westminster Abbey.

At the re-opening of the Philpot-street Synagogue, commercial-road, E., the largest in London, the Scrolls of the Law were carried round the building by eight members of the congregation, and the faithful kissed their fingers after placing them on the scrolls.

Lord George Hamilton, who is 77, has informed the London Evening News that he desires to retire from the chairmanship of the Governors of Harrow School at an early date.

M. Vintila Bratiano, the Finance Minister of Rumania, arrived in London from Paris to discuss with the British Government the question of general reparations. Rumania's debts to England and the matter of the oil wells destroyed in Rumania during the war.

In his inaugural address to the Federation of Grocers' Associations at Scarborough, Mr. Rowntree said that the grocer to-day must pay more attention to science and education generally. He would provide diplomas, to be given on merit, to enable a man to qualify as a master grocer.

Anne, Duchess of Roxburghe, who had been ill for some time, died in London. Born in 1854, the late Duchess was the fourth daughter of John, seventh Duke of Marlborough, and was consequently a sister of the late Lord Randolph Churchill, and an aunt of Mr. Winston Churchill.

The famous French airman Casale, crashed near Damerancourt (Oise), and was killed, says a Reuter message from Paris. He had taken some passengers to the aviation meeting at Berck organised by the Aero Club de France, and was flying back to Villacoublay at a height of 2000 feet when the aeroplane crashed.

Extremist leaders in various parts of India are making great efforts to bring about a critical situation at Nagpur. There is little fear of an outbreak, but the position is one of great difficulty for officials in the Central Provinces, which are being worked up in the hope of reproducing similar conditions elsewhere in India.

It was announced recently that the command of the Scottish Lowland Territorial Division was to be taken over by Major-General J. Duncan. Since then a rearrangement of commands has taken place, and the Lowland Division has now been allocated to Major-General H. L. Reed, V.C., who commanded the 15th (Scottish) Division in France.

An Adelaide message intimates that a syndicate is being formed under the name of Marine Treasures (Ltd.), with the object of recovering a large shipment of gold which, it is believed, was lost in the ship "General Grant," wrecked on the iron bound coast of Auckland Island, New Zealand, while bound for London during May 1866.

Maurice of Dowling has been called up by the Shah to form a Cabinet, a Reuter's message from Teheran states.

Mr. Malcolm Arnold Robertson, the British Agent and Consul-General at Tangier, will represent Great Britain at the preliminary meeting, which opens at the Foreign Office, of British, French, and Spanish experts to discuss the future status of Tangier, the Moroccan port.

## HE GAVE HIS BLOOD.

A Soldier's Battlefield Sacrifice.

Much interest was aroused in England not long ago by an offer of £20 to any healthy person who would sacrifice a pint of blood to save a child's life. Blood transfusion is by no means uncommon, and there are many cases that are never brought to the public notice. One instance that has come to light of a soldier who gave two pints of his blood to save a comrade's life is well worth chronicling.

Private F. W. Warr, who now lives at 2, Wheatley's Cottages, South Street, Crewkerne, Somerset, has in his possession interesting documents relating to the event. One from the Officer commanding the 18th C. O. S. states that he had volunteered as a donor of blood and gave two pints. Later Warr was sent to join the 3rd Somerset, and the commanding Officer of that Battalion received from the 18th C. O. S. the following letter: "I beg to inform you that No. 27,705 Pte. F. Warr gave his blood for direct transfusion on October 3rd, 1917, and thereby saved the life of a severely wounded comrade."

The story of Pte. Warr's experience should be interesting to sufferers from violent headaches, indigestion, nerve troubles, and rheumatism, which in almost every instance spring from one source—poverty of blood. When Pte. Warr crossed to France, Pte. Warr began to suffer from racing pains in the head which were so violent as to leave him in a collapsed state. In his own words, he "tried all sorts of powders, but got no relief. Then one day," he said, "a comrade told me of the value of Dr. Williams' pink pills, so I wrote and asked my wife to send me a supply. Upon taking them I obtained quick relief, and the pills completely restored my health. When I was wounded for the third time, and was asked to volunteer to give blood whilst lying in hospital I willingly decided to do so. I am very pleased to know that the giving of a quart of blood saved another soldier's life and am sure that it was the result of taking Dr. Williams' pink pills that enabled me to give good blood and plenty of it. After giving the blood I was naturally somewhat weaker, but I was quickly shipped to England, where on arrival I got another supply of Dr. Williams' pink pills, and after I had taken these I felt myself again. They soon replenished my blood supply, and set me up in health."

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## BANK SECRECY.

PRACTICE NOT TO BE CHANGED.

Relations between banks and their customers are being discussed widely in view of the case of Tournier v. the National Provincial and Union Bank of England, in which a verdict was given for the bank. Mr. Justice Avory said that there was no absolute contract by a bank not to disclose the state of a person's account to another. If a banker made such a disclosure reasonably and justifiably there was no breach of contract.

Leading London bankers explicitly denied that any change was possible in the relations between themselves and their customers as a result of the case. One general manager said:

"The case will not have the effect of relaxing in the slightest degree the practice which has been the tradition of all banks from time immemorial. Secrecy is a cardinal principle of British banking. Every young man who enters a bank is required to make a solemn declaration that he will maintain this secrecy. This is renewed when he advances a step in the service of the bank."

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### The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 1923.

S. P. C. A.

It is one of the anomalies of our pretended civilisation that it becomes necessary to have societies of a preventative character. In a supposed Class A. civilisation we have organisations that counteract by prosecutions before a legal assembly the frequent acts of cruelty to little children and to dumb animals. Allowing for the "little naughtinesses" of some children and the frequent perverseness of some of our neighbours of "the lower order," it is beyond human comprehension and perhaps reasonable analysis to understand why acts of cruelty are done which arouse public resentment and call for redress. It may be the natural instinct of the bully, loosely curbed in most people, which seeks an outlet for its petty fiendishness, either in acts of bodily cruelty, or where authority has been assumed or acquired, the biting, often slanderous words of an unkind tongue, or the imposition of tasks which are either beyond the powers of those concerned or have not been bargained for. It might be said, altering somewhat Hood's well known lines, that

"Cruelty is wrought by want of thought  
"As well as Want of Heart."

And it is obvious that this fact, for

fact it is, permeates the work of our local Society which seeks to prevent thoughtless cruelty on the part principally of those who are called upon to handle the large amount of live stock dealt with in the Colony. We remember this fact being stressed, by His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz at the inaugural meeting of the Society, one of the most enthusiastic meetings it has been our lot to attend. Prosecution was to be side-tracked as much as possible and the beneficent work of teaching and admonition was to be tried. That has been a policy wisely carried out by Inspector Fred. Fisher of whom we have pleasant recollections as an officer in the now defunct Police Reserve, and has been most successful as his report for July proves. He cites a mere matter of ten cruelty cases ascribed to ignorance, and reports that it has only been necessary to give two cautions and make two prosecutions. We find a considerable amount of interest in this July report. It is for one thing a bird's eye view of the vast amount of trade which is carried out in certain lines. Charles Lamb would surely have been interested in the number of pigs dealt with. It might have suggested another delightful essay excursion into the succulent subject of roast pig! Probably the late Archbishop Temple would have found something for comment in the fact the poultry is mentioned no less than seven times in the Inspector's report. It was the Archbishop's growl that at every parish church he visited they sang "The Church's One Foundation," whilst at supper afterwards he was regaled with chicken! Our dog fanciers should be interested in the statement that "twenty puppies came through from Tai O." Tom Brown might have found time to compose a verse or two beginning with "—

"A Puppy is a lovable thing,  
"God wot."

Here is an item which tells us that one horse went to Canton and in spite of our desire not to be cruel, we cannot help feeling some pity for "that" one. But the strangest thing of all is the fact set down in cold-blooded seriousness that a visit was paid to a crocodile at the Ming Yuen Gardens! A vast experience in the commodity known as "Crocodiles tears" makes us yearn to see His Majesty at North Point. We shall probably interview him! A proposition showing the absolute need for a Society such as we possess! The publicity which the Society gives in publishing the work done by its Inspector should have its own reward. Its finances should not suffer in the future and it should not be compelled to organise fancy dress balls to provide the means to carry on its splendid work. The public should see to that.

### Borrowers and Lenders.

Neither a borrower nor a lender be. If Hongkong's Indian community suddenly made up its collective mind to follow the sage counsel of the late Mr. Shakespeare one imagines that some of our local lawyers would experience a distinct check in the flow of "six and eights" (or whatever is the equivalent in local currency of the figure) towards their cash boxes. Considering that there are only about 4,000 of their nationality in the whole Colony the turbaned stalwarts who watch our property by night and would be happy to make us an advance on it if we called on them at their "registered address" in the daytime must, to judge from the Summary Court news published in the newspapers, be easily the most litigious section of the community. There is, however, an engaging simplicity about their financial transactions between friends, as witness a case heard yesterday where one watchman handed another \$750 on request, free of interest, with no mention of any receipt of repayment and without even the formality of a signed acknowledgment of the debt. Quite probably the money would have been paid back in due course if the borrower and lender had not had a bitter quarrel culminating in the issue of a writ. The borrower must have been very much annoyed about it since he went to the trouble of briefing one of the Colony's most able barristers though the Judge felt himself unable to certify, when the time came to "shroff up" the costs to be paid by the defendant, that his extravagance was justified. However, though "loan off loses loan and friend" and possibly will lose both in this instance, since the defendant is an impecunious watchman out of a job, the plaintiff probably feels he has got his money's worth. At any rate, to judge by the way they appeared to relish the argument, he provided a capital morning's entertainment for a score or so of his compatriots.

### The Great Hat.

How many people, when they subscribe sums to charity, stop to ask themselves the question—"Where does that money really go?" Once the coin is dropped in the box, or the cheque has been posted, the episode passes from their mind and is practically forgotten. St. Paul declared Charity the greatest of the virtues, but the Charity of which he spoke was not the financial contribution to which its meaning has been degraded. On the contrary he made a deliberate antithesis between donations and Charity. "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and have not Charity, it profiteth me nothing." The general system of Charitable administration nowadays can well be compared to an old hulk lurching along, its crew frantically striving to patch up the leaks and keeping the pumps going desperately. Well might we say to ourselves—"Who indeed am I that I should offer my fellow-man Charity? If the mill that grinds our common corn catches and cripples him in its wheel, it is Justice I owe him, not Charity. The common social mechanism should provide against these accidents. To-morrow the wheel may catch me. 'The race is not to the swift,' says the Preacher, 'nor the battle to the strong. But,' adds Ecclesiastes, 'time and chance happeneth to them all.' In this ancient statement of the human tragedy lies also the modern solution. For there is a calculation of 'time' and a 'doctrine of chance,' by which insurance experts overcome the chaos of contingency. Why should not every trade and craft and profession consume its own smoke, be compelled by the

State to insure its members against sickness or unemployment? A radical investigation of our Charities would show that many even of those that do not overlap could be lopped off. At present I imagine more people live by Charity than on it. But these functionaries and their societies should be reduced to a minimum, the endless and expensive appeals replaced by One Great Hat, everything dropped to the individual Charities according to their needs and utility by a Central Committee. And the more those surviving Charities were killed off in the struggle for assistance, and the sooner the Great Hat itself was relegated to the dustbin, the better for us all.

### To-day's Poem.

(The Parley.)  
When God at first made Man,  
Having a glass of blessings standing by—  
Let us (said He) pour on him all we can;  
Let the world's riches, which dispersed lie,  
Contract into a span.

No strength first made a way,  
Then beauty flow'd, then wisdom, honour, pleasure;  
When almost all was out, God made a stay,  
Perceiving that, alone of all His treasure,  
Rest in the bottom lay.

For if I should (said He)  
Bestow this jewel also on My creature,  
He would adore My gifts instead of Me,  
And rest in Nature, not the God of Nature;

Yet let him keep the rest,  
But keep them with repining restlessness,  
Let him be rich and weary, that at least  
If goodness lead him not, yet weariness  
May toss him to My breast.

—GEORGE HERBERT.

### SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

### ENTERTAINMENTS.

Aug. 2.—Coronet Theatre; "Hunting Big Game in Africa."  
August 2.—World Theatre; "The Carnival" with Matheson Lang.  
Aug. 2.—Star Theatre; "Below the Deadline."  
Aug. 3.—Promenade Concert on Volunteer Parade Ground, 9.15 p.m.  
PUBLIC AUCTION.  
August 8.—Lammert Bros., at Kingsclere Hall, 2.45 p.m., a quantity of fine furniture and linen.  
Aug. 7.—At 3 p.m. P.W.D. Offices, three lots of Crown Land in Ho Mun Tin.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

For the 24-hours ending July 31, two cases of small-pox were reported. Yesterday one case of plague was reported.

Last month's total rainfall was 20.43 inches. The most that fell on one day was 3.76 inches on July 27. Next to this was the 22nd with 3.53 inches. Twelve days were without rain at all.

Notice is given that Monday next being a bank-holiday the Exchange banks will be closed for the transaction of public business. The Imports and Exports Office will close at noon.

Members of the Rattan Workers' Guild have been granted an all-round increase of 17 per cent on their wages by their masters as the result of several conferences between delegates from both sides, says the local *Wah Tse Yai Po*. The makers of rattan furniture, described as "rattan knitters" in Chinese, are to get an additional 10 per cent on their wages.

"Church Notes" announces that a Mr. Mason, whose musical qualifications have been deemed to be excellent by the Committee in England appointed to make a selection, has been appointed organist of St. John's Cathedral in place of Mr. Deenan Fuller resigned. The date of Mr. Mason's arrival in the Colony will be announced in due course.

A Peking message to the *Daily Bulletin* states that in view of China's inability to send a delegate to the World Parliamentary Convention, which is to be opened at Copenhagen this month, both Houses have requested the Walchilaport to forward a congratulatory telegram to the Convention, expressing a hope that the Convention will lead to a world peace and government by the people.

### CHINA'S DISUNITY.

#### PROPOSED ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE.

SIR ROBERT HO TUNG'S PLAN.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, who has been actively endeavouring to arrange a round-table conference of China's leaders with a view to securing unity, sends the following letter to the *China Mail*.

Sir,—In continuation of my previous communications I have now to inform you that I am in receipt of a telegram in Chinese dated 29th July, 1923, from General Wu Pei-fu. In that telegram he is kind enough to allude to my initiative for bringing about a conference of Chinese leaders and others as a public-spirited and patriotic movement.

Regarding the problem of the Peaceful Unification of China, wires Wu Pei-fu, "it has for years been my fervent hope that it should be solved in a conscientious and wide-awake manner, and that this solution should be entrusted to the people themselves."

I would like to add that I am in telegraphic communication with General Wu Pei-fu in reply to his telegram of the 29th July, and await the outcome of our exchange of telegrams with much interest.

Yours, etc.,

R. HO TUNG.

[As already reported, Sir Robert Ho Tung has received replies from Dr. Sun Yat-sen and President Li Yuan-tung expressing the support of the proposed conference. Sir Robert Ho Tung is confident that once the leaders get together for a round-table conference half the battle for achieving unity has been won. Without making any definite request, he would like the conference to be held in Hongkong, firstly because the Colony is neutral and secondly because the spade work will have been done by a Hongkong man.]

### TYPHOON INCIDENT.

#### MURDER CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

The charge of murder preferred against Tse Chung-lin, the Chinese who on Friday last jumped into the harbour with his wife from the Steamboat Co.'s Canton steamer wharf and was gallantly rescued by Chief Preventive Officer Clark, has been withdrawn and the man has been released.

It will be recalled that the couple intended to commit suicide after arriving from Canton the night before but the man was saved. His wife, who had been a victim to consumption, died after being taken out of the water, hence the charge of murder. The Attorney General is stated to have advised the C.S.P. that there was no case against Tse.

After his release Tse returned to Canton with his grown-up daughter and son.

### CHINA'S PREMIER.

#### ACTIVITY AT PAOTINGFU.

PEKING, August 1. The centre of political activity seems to have shifted to Paotingfu, where prominent leaders are in conference to-day.

#### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Captain H. Fogg and Mr. D. C. Brodie have returned to the Colony per the s.s. "St. Albans."

Mr. and Mrs. D. Tolan, Mr. and Mrs. L. Morley and Miss D. Hancock were passengers on the s.s. "Kashima Maru," which left for Europe yesterday.

According to a *Reuters* cable from San Francisco, General Sawyer states that President Harding has passed the crisis and is now well on the way to recovery.

News has been received of the death in Simla, from enteric fever, of Miss Fuller, a member of the Kaik's Hawaiian Company which was in Hongkong a few months ago.

The death is announced of Mr. P. O. Li Stokes at the age of 69. He was for several years Sporting Editor of the *Raymond Times*. He also acted as editor of the paper on several occasions.

The engagement is announced of Mr. C. E. Chubb and Miss M. E. Diddle. Mr. Chubb joined the North Borneo Trading Co. in Sandakan 13 years ago and for several years now has been its general manager; Miss Diddle was for nearly two years the Nurse Matron of Jesselton Hospital and at present occupies a similar post in Sandakan.

### PIRATE PLOT?

#### ARMS FOUND ON LOCAL STEAMER.

SERGEANT'S PROMPT ACTION.

As the China Merchants' s.s. "Kwang Tai" was about to leave her wharf at West Point yesterday for Shanghai, Sergeant Carey of the Water Police went alongside in a police launch to search the ship which had on board about 200 passengers and a general cargo. His arrival caused a stampede, a number of people struggling to get ashore. Sergeant Carey managed to stop the rush and with the aid of the police on the launch restored order. He immediately instituted a search and on one Chinese found three loaded revolvers.

Sergeant Carey then communicated with the Water Police. The "Kwang Tai" was taken to Kowloon Bay where a further search was carried out. Other arms and ammunition were found concealed on the ship and it is stated that a number of suspects were detained in addition to the man who is alleged to have had the three revolvers.

It has been stated that the arms do not appear to be part of an attempt to smuggle and it is thought that the arms were brought on board for some dangerous purpose.

### ARMS TRAFFIC.

#### AMERICAN SAILOR CHARGED.

#### KOWLOON SHOOTING INCIDENT.

Erwin Nelson (20), described as an American, and a quartermaster of the s.s. "President McKinley," was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with the unlawful possession of two revolvers and 47 rounds of ammunition.

Sub-Inspector Spear, who had charge of the case, asked His Worship for a remand as the C.S.P. would ask for committal. Accordingly the case was held over till 11.30 a.m. to-morrow.

No statement was made in court, but it appears that Nelson was arrested in Austin Road on Tuesday night. It is stated that a Chinese detective had been posted there, information having been received by the police that somebody was likely to pass with arms. At the stated hour, Nelson is alleged to have passed in a ricksha and to have been challenged. The man in the ricksha, whoever he was, jumped out and ran away with the officer in pursuit. One version says that the detective fired at the fugitive before capturing Nelson, while others say that the man the ricksha fired first. In another quarter it is stated that the detective was interfered with by another man who escaped. However, Nelson was arrested. Nothing was found on him. Arms are said to have been picked up not far from the spot.

### BEACHED.

#### LOCAL RIVER STEAMER'S MISHAP.

#### STEERING GEAR BLAMED.

The s.s. "Kwang Fook Cheung" (Captain de la Sala) while on a voyage from Hongkong to Wuchow, struck a rock or shoal and is now beached near Sam Leung Hap Hau about seven miles above Shui Hing.

According to the comrade of the ship, who made a report to the Chinese owners, the Lun Fat S.S. Co. of 94 Des Voeux Road West, the ship was in the rapids when the accident occurred. Owing to the strong current running, she was slightly taken out of her course. After the impact was felt the ship was taken astern when it was found that she was making water at the bow and some of the cargo in the bow hold had been damaged. Orders were at once given for the ship to be beached and this was completed in 35 minutes. The comrade attributes the accident to the steam steering gear not responding when in the rapids.

The "Kwang Fook Cheung" left Hongkong with a general cargo of rice, yarn, marine delicacies, manufactured goods, &c. on Thursday last. She was delayed at Shui Hing on account of the lack of transhipment junks which had been commandeered by the military or had gone elsewhere to escape requisitioning. The accident occurred on Saturday last and the comrade arrived here yesterday on the "Tai On." A number of shipwrecks are leaving for the spot to-day to repair the vessel which is still on the beach.

Of the average size of river steamer, the "Kwang Fook Cheung" was built by a local shipyard of the same name and has been on the Wuchow-Hongkong run for a few months.

### UNDESIRABLE?

#### SOVIET TRADE ENVOY'S PAST.

FURTHER INQUIRY.

(*Reuters Service to the China Mail*.)

LONDON, August 1. Objection to Mr. Rakovsky's appointment as head of the Anglo-Russian trade delegation in London in succession to Mr. Kravasin was expressed in the House of Commons on the ground that it was alleged he had been expelled from France during the war for propaganda activities against the Allies and that he had been instrumental in the massacre of Whites in the Ukraine.

Mr. Ronald McNeill, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the facts alleged were not brought to light when the Government considered the question of recognition. Further enquiry would be made and the matter reconsidered if necessary.

### WITHOUT TRIAL.

#### FREE STATES RUSH MEASURE.

LONDON, August 1. Following the decision of the Free State Appeal Court to the effect that as conditions of armed revolt no longer existed in Ireland the Government was not entitled to detain thousands of prisoners in military custody, the Free State Parliament, despite the opposition of the Labour members, rushed through a bill empowering the Government to arrest and detain for six months persons on no charge.

The Minister of Home Affairs declared that the immediate release of prisoners who had been the most reckless in warring against the state would be a great disaster.

### EXPRESS TRAIN SMASH.

BERLIN, August 1.

The number of the victims in the Hamburg-Munich train disaster is now given as 47 killed and 37 injured.

[The Hamburg Munich express collided with a stationary train near Cassel, owing to the driver not seeing the signals against him, owing to a piece of dirt flying into his eye.]

### DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

DEAUVILLE, August 1.

France beat Spain in the European Davis Cup final by three matches to two, Blanchy winning the deciding against Fiequet 6-1, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.

### SOARING HIGHER.

#### LATEST AEROPLANE RECORD.

Paris, August 1. The aviator Lecoate reached a height of 10,800 metres in an aeroplane at Villa Coublay aerodrome, beating the world's record of 10,518 metres by the American Lieutenant Macready.

### AMOY CRISIS.

#### PEKING LACKS OFFICIAL NEWS.

PEKING, August 1. In Government circles nothing is known officially regarding the happenings in Amoy, but messages from other sources disclose the occurrence of serious trouble. It seems that General Tsang Ching-ling, who is suspected of Anfu sympathies, apparently decided to join Li Lie-chun and to support the Kuo Ming-tang party. In the subsequent fighting the troops got out of hand and looted and entered the foreign concession, firing indiscriminately at all shipping. Two Chinese gunboats supporting the Northern cause opened fire upon the forts. Finally the Southerners were driven off. General Tsang Ching-ling is now in Changchow. *Reuters*.

### CHINESE CUSTOMS RETURNS.

#### ANTI-JAPANESE BOYCOTT EFFECTS.

PEKING, Aug. 1. *Reuters*' representative has been reliably informed that, despite the effective five per cent import tariff, the net revenue collected by the Customs Authorities for the month of July, as compared with July last year, shows a decrease of nearly Shanghai Ts. 100,000. It is pointed out that the effective five per cent tariff should, by now, be coming fully effective. The above figures show that, owing to the anti-Japanese boycott and the general unrest, the large increase that was expected has not eventuated. *Reuters*.



## SHOTS FROM SHORE.

BRITISH STEAMER  
ATTACKED.

## VILLAGERS INCENSED.

TWO MEMBERS OF THE  
CREW WOUNDED.

The river steamer "Tai Lee," which flies the British flag, was fired at from the banks shortly after leaving Kowloon last evening. Two members of the crew were wounded, an oiler and a sailor's mess-boy. The former received three shots in the right hip and leg while the latter was struck in the right side. A Chinese passenger, travelling second-class (middle-deck at stern) who was having his meal, had a very narrow escape, a bullet barely grazing his hair.

From inquiries made on the ship it appears that the miscreants were inhabitants of Chin Lin village which is on the delta near Kowloon. For years had feeling has existed between the villagers on the river banks and the Hongkong-Kowloon river steamers on account of the swell caused by the passing of the boats. The recent rains have brought about an appreciable rise in the river and the people have had to resort to building emergency dykes. It seems as though the "Tai Lee" which can do about 14 knots in the open sea and is easily the fastest boat on the Kowloon run, had been marked out by the villagers as having added to their troubles by bringing a swell in its wake thereby endangering the dykes.

About this time every year the Customs or Harbour authorities at Pak Kai (the port of Kowloon), in deference to requests made by the surrounding villages, pass on instructions to the Kowloon steamers to steam slowly when in the delta. It is stated that no such instructions have been received this year.

Chinese members of the crew, in conversation with a *China Mail* man this morning, said that the villagers fired with Mausers into the air first as though to attract attention. When it was realised that their aim had been diverted to the ship and that men had been hit the "Tai Lee" blew four blasts and steamed slowly for nearly half an hour. A regular fusillade seems to have been put up as a number of the bullets were embedded in the woodwork of the ship's stern. Most of the Chinese on board were in a panic when it was known that the ship was a target but nothing untoward occurred and the ship got in last night as usual when a report was made and the two wounded men removed to hospital.

The s.s. "Tai Lee" was built in Hongkong. She is owned by the See Yip S. S. Co. and was requisitioned for war service. It is also learned that the recent heavy rains have caused the river to overflow at Ngo Hau, a village near Kowloon. The banks were broken at night and over 300 persons are said to have perished.

## GOING HOME?

## FREE ADVICE.

The innermost thoughts of most residents, from the very moment they reach Hongkong almost, is the thought of going home. It is insistent. The call of the Motherland is second only to the notorious call of the East. The *China Mail* has received from the local branch of those pioneers of the tourist business Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son, a neat little booklet called "Home Leave" which seeks to give, and accomplishes its mission, information on all aspects of the absorbing Home Going problem. The booklet tells the would-be traveller what he needs to know about steamship lines and fares, reservations, passports and visas, insurance, baggage, and the one hundred and one things that crop up in connection with passages, things that "the man from Cook's" professes to, and does, solve. There is much else about "Side trips" and holiday in Europe. Copies of the Booklet can be had on application at Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son's Office.

## LAND INVESTMENT COY.

## SUPREME COURT PETITION.

On behalf of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Coy. Ltd., Mr. C. G. Alabaster K.C. instructed by Mr. M. H. Turner, of Messrs. Deacon, Shenton and Harston, presented to the Chief Justice this morning a petition asking for the confirmation of certain special resolutions altering the objects clause of the Company's memorandum in such a manner as to make it a modern objects clause as has been done in the case of many other Companies. The petition set out as one reason for the alteration, the recent amalgamation with the Hongkong Central Estates Ltd.

His Lordship made an order in terms of the petition.

## \$10,000,000 CAPITAL.

NEW HONGKONG LAND  
COMPANY.

## HEAVY PURCHASES MADE?

HELPING PERSONS WITH LIMITED  
MEANS.

A new land development company, to be run on the lines of the Land Investment Co., is in the process of formation, a *China Mail* reporter learned this morning. The new company, which will probably be registered as the Land Development Co., is to be floated with a capital of ten million dollars. The shares will have a face value of one dollar, to be paid on application, with calls of one dollar a quarter, it is understood.

A local financial magnate, seen this morning, said: "I was approached to join the Board as a director, but have decided not to do so. After the company has been floated I may possibly invest my money. I understand that those interested in the company have been making heavy purchases for some time past and presume this land will be transferred to the new company."

In another quarter, it was emphatically denied that any land purchases had yet been made. The new company, it was alleged, is to be formed under the "Colonial Secretary's 40-year scheme for the present housing problem. The new company will help persons, with limited means, to build under the town system. A strong board of directors has been obtained and the preliminary stages are now being passed through. The interviewee quoted acknowledged that the first meeting had been held on Monday.

## THIEVES ABOUT.

SHROFFS HOLD UP IN THE  
CITY.

## CONSTRUCTIONS MAN ROBBED.

Shortly before noon yesterday, an attempt was made to hold up and rob a rent collector in the Chinese residential district. The shroff, who is also a shopkeeper of Wing Lok Street, was leaving No. 9, Kwong Hon Terrace with \$45 in his girdle. Two men came up and accosted him. One of them made a pass at him while the other tried to remove his girdle. He shouted out and the miscreants took to their heels without getting the money.

In another daylight hold-up which occurred between noon and one o'clock in another part of the city, a cashier of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co. named Ng Yuk-hing, was robbed of a leather bag which contained \$1,200 in notes. He was walking along Swatow Street at Wanchoi, near the junction with Praya East, when a man came up from behind and seized him. Another removed his spectacles, while a third threw pepper into his eyes. Two others then came on the scene and made off with the bag.

## H.A.P.S.

HONGKONG'S LATEST  
SOCIETY.

The *China Mail* has been interested to hear of the formation of "The Hongkong Amateur Photographic Society" with a membership of over 60 and with rooms at 55 Des Voeux Road Central. The Society has a dark room and devotes an hour each Thursday evening to giving instruction and assistance to beginners in the fascinating hobby of the photographic art. The society contends that, as against common opinion, the hobby whose hold they seek to extend is not an expensive one, and they are in a position to give assistance either in the matter of the right kind of goods to be used or the making of good pictures. This bears out the "object" of the society which is "to associate its members for mutual assistance in the art and practice of Amateur Photography." An open Exhibition of the work of the members of the society is being projected and this should arouse much interest and tend to an increase in membership. Most people nowadays possess a camera and the news of the H.A.P.S. will doubtless interest them.

## TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory by the local American Consulate General, Hongkong.

11 a.m., August 2, 1923.  
Typhoon in about 126 deg. Long. E. 18 deg. Lat. S. moving N.N.W.

## MISS CARD'S DEATH.

## CORONER'S INQUIRY OPENS.

BEHAVIOUR NOT EXTRA-  
ORDINARY.

An inquest was held this afternoon into the death of Miss Ella Augusta Card whose body was discovered in the harbour near the P. & O. pier early on Monday morning after leaving her room at "Kingsclere" during the typhoon on Friday night.

The late Miss Card whose age is stated as 32, came from Vancouver about two years ago. She has been confidential secretary to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. She left "Kingsclere" at 11.30 on Friday night when the storm was still raging and considerable alarm was felt at her non-return.

Mr. J. R. Wood sat as Coroner. The following jury was empanelled:—Herbert John Fountain, Wong Kwong-in, and J. Baptista. Addressing the jury, the Coroner remarked that Miss Card was seen to leave "Kingsclere" on Friday night in the storm and had not been seen alive again.

Mr. G. T. M. Edkins, manager of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, was the first witness called. Deceased, he said, was a qualified stenographer who had been in his employ for the last two years at a salary of £375 per annum. He observed nothing strange in her manner and she was at work till five o'clock on Friday last. He received a report as to the finding of her body at 10.30 on Monday morning. Witness was shown a body the features of which were beyond recognition. He was handed a purse, a ribbon-bow and a hair-slide which belonged to Miss Card's property.

The next witness was Miss Mary Middlehurst, also a stenographer in the employ of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. She saw deceased between half past ten and eleven at "Kingsclere" on Friday night. Deceased had been for a quarter of an hour in witness's room.

They had a conversation in which some letters were mentioned. Witness did not see deceased again and she noticed nothing extraordinary in her behaviour as she left her room. She identified all the articles handed to Mr. Edkins as Miss Card's property.

In reply to the Coroner witness said she could suggest no reason why deceased should commit suicide.

Mr. F. A. Wells, chief assistant in Messrs. Butterfield and Swire was called next. Miss Card was in his department and was working with him on Friday afternoon. She displayed no extraordinary behaviour at all, he said.

## THE STAR.

## "BELOW THE DEAD LINE."

"Below the Dead Line," the story of a running battle between police and crooks, is the Star's attraction commencing to-day. The story opens with a violent conflict in a storm and concludes with a highly sensational fight between robbers on a train and officers in a car. "Below the Dead Line" is pure melodrama, above the usual run of films of this type. The story shows a dramatic struggle between the wills of two antagonistic and determined men. J. B. Warner, as Donovan of the police, is a remarkably fine type of hero, whilst Bert Sprout, as Buck Elliott, leader of the gang, also gives an unusually strong interpretation of the villain's rôle.

## PASSENGERS.

## DEPARTURES.

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## HOME MAIL HERE.

The s.s. "Seanghe" carrying Home Mail from Singapore, arrived in port at 1 p.m. to-day.

## LAWN TENNIS.

## HONG DOUBLES FINAL.

## YESTERDAY'S CLOSE GAME.

Commodore Grace and Paymaster Lieut.-Commander Worthington, representing H.M.S. "Tamar" won the H.K.C.C. Hong doubles tennis tournament, yesterday evening, after a close tussle with Messrs. F. A. Redmond and L. Forster (University). This final match had been postponed several times on account of the weather, but the Clerk was in a pleasant mood yesterday and a large number of spectators were present.

Play at times reached a high level although individual brilliance was more often seen than combined all-round play. When Worthington lost his form in the second and third sets, Commodore Grace rose to the occasion in splendid style and played exceedingly well. Redmond, at times, gave a pleasing exhibition reminiscent of his best displays, while Forster was, as usual, steady. Worthington struck a better patch after he and his partner had almost lost the match and continued his good form till the game was won. Altogether it was a pleasing final to the competition which has evoked considerable interest. Numerous duces were called in a good many games and as the scores will show, the pairs were well-matched on the afternoon's form.

## THE PLAY.

The Naval men opened strongly taking four of the first five games. After the "Varsity" pair had taken two more games, the "Tamar" representatives won two more and thus took the first set 6-3. Redmond and Forster warmed up to their work in the next two sets. With Worthington striking a bad patch, the "Varsity" men drove home their superiority by taking the second and third sets 3-6, 4-6, thus making the score two sets to one in their favour. In the fourth set, they led by 5 games to four and were very close to winning the set and match. At this stage Worthington showed up brilliantly enabling his side to win three games and make the score two sets all. Although the Naval pair won the fifth set by 6-3 and were always leading, some of the best play was seen in this set, duces being called many times. The detailed scores which give a total of 26 games to the "Tamar" against 23 to the University men, were 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

## "B" DIVISION LEAGUE.

## UNIVERSITY BEAT C.R.C.

The last match in the triangular series to decide the championship of the "B" division of the tennis league was played off yesterday, the University bringing off a surprise victory over the C.R.C. These two teams, together with the Indian Recreation Club had finished up at the head of the junior league table, each with one defeat to its credit. This necessitated a triangular match to decide the championship. In the first match, the Indians beat the "Varsity" by a good margin and were tipped as likely winners. Last week they went down to the Chinese by a few games. It was then confidently expected that the Chinese, in turn, would have no difficulty in accounting for the "Varsity" and thus annex the championship. However, the University players, strengthened by the return of A. A. Rumjahn, put up a fine struggle yesterday and won by the closest of margins, one game. This will mean that all three teams will have to meet again and a close struggle should ensue.

Yesterday's scores (University names given first) were:—  
A. A. Rumjahn and Yue beat Yew Han-tsun and Lim Man-ching 6-3; beat Cheong Wing-kin and H. C. Hung 6-5; lost to Lau Fuk-ki and G. Lee 5-6.  
Sephur and Chan lost to Yew and Lau 4-7; lost to Cheung and Hung 5-6; lost to Lau and Lee 5-6.  
Au and Hung beat Yew and Lau 6-5; lost to Cheung and Hung 5-6; beat Lau and Lee 6-5.  
Total—University 30 games, C.R.C. 49 games.

## THE CORONET.

## LAST DAYS OF BIG FILM.

To-day and to-morrow are the last two days when "Hunting Big Game in Africa" will be screened. This picture has had a splendid run at the Coronet during the week, and all who have seen it have been filled with enthusiasm. "Hunting Big Game in Africa" is a classic of its kind. It is a production nobody should miss, but residents have only two more days.

## BUSINESS WORRIES.

LOCAL BANKRUPTCY  
PETITIONS.

Several petitions in bankruptcy were disposed of by the Chief Justice (Sir William Roosa Davies, K.C.), this morning.

On the motion of the Official Receiver (Mr. H. A. Nisbet), the following debtors were adjudicated bankrupt:—George H. Keeble, the Shun Cheong firm, Li Yuk-fong and Fred, Normington.

An application for discharge was made by Li Po-hing, alias Li Kintong. Mr. D. H. Blake, the debtor, said an offer of \$16,000 had been made for an eighth interest held in a large number of farm lands in the New Territories and this was accepted by a three-quarters majority at a meeting of creditors. Mr. Blake said the debtor's total liabilities were \$36,247.50 and this arrangement would mean a total dividend of nearly 50 cents to the dollar.

The Chief Justice asked the debtor to account for his losses and the debtor said gambling was the cause.

"Then," queried His Lordship, "if I grant you your discharge are you going to keep out of debt or are you going to keep on gambling?"

The debtor promised to tread the straight and narrow path in future and the Chief Justice made the necessary order for discharge on payment of the \$16,000 to the Official Receiver. "But," said His Lordship as a parting injunction, "keep away from moneylenders in future."

The Official Receiver opposed an application put forward by Mr. C. A. S. Russ on behalf of a creditor for a receiving order to be made in connection with the affairs of Yu Wah-yuk.

Mr. Russ said the petition set out that the debtor owed his client \$1,000 on a P.N. and had given notice that he had suspended payment of his debts. Debtor's assets were \$12,700, of which \$200 represented furniture and chattels and the balance book debts. "Being an optimist," said Mr. Russ, "I hope we may recover 20 or 30 per cent. of these but I understand the Official Receiver does not take quite such a rosy view." The object of the application, he explained, was to enable them to endeavour to collect these debts. The liabilities were between \$35,000 and \$38,000.

The Official Receiver objected to a receiving order being made on the ground that the petitioning creditor had confessed he knew nothing about the debtor's affairs.

An adjournment till next hearing was granted and similar adjournments were granted in connection with the matters of the Foo Hang bank and Leung Cheuk-pan. The receiving order previously made in the matter of the Tung Hang Yue firm was rescinded on the motion of the Official Receiver who mentioned that a meeting of creditors had decided to accept a general composition of \$20.80 per \$100.

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### OUR SCHOOLS.

EDUCATION BOARD MEETS.  
COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE PLANS.

School inspections and the teaching of Portuguese were among the subjects discussed at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Education Board. The Director of Education (the Hon. Mr. E. Irving) presided and there were also present the Rev. T. W. Pearce, the Rev. Fr. H. Valtorta, Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. H.B.L. Dowbiggin, Mr. A. F. B. Silva-Netto, Mr. U. Rumiann, Dr. Wan Man-ka, Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools), Mr. R. A. D. Forrest (acting Inspector of Vernacular Schools) and Mr. Y. P. Law (Secretary).

In regard to the question of teaching Portuguese at the Bellios Public School, the Director of Education said he promised at the last meeting to obtain further information from the Headmistress. At the time the question of the vacation did not enter into his mind, and he was afraid the Board would have to wait another six weeks before he could obtain the information. He proposed that the matter be adjourned until the October meeting. There was no particular hurry; they could not start a new curriculum until the end of the school year. Mr. Ralphs seconded and the Board unanimously agreed to the Chairman's proposal.

### SCHOOL PLANS.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of the question of the appointment of a Sub-Committee to examine new school plans.

Mr. Wylie took exception to the words "new school plans." He thought the Board wanted to see plans of proposed alterations as well as those of proposed new schools.

The Director of Education: Yes, this should apply to important extensions and alterations to schools as well as new schools. Some time ago this question was referred to the Government and the Government agreed to show the Board the plans. It is only a matter now of appointing a Committee.

Mr. Wylie, Mr. Ralphs and Mr. Rumiann were appointed on the Sub-Committee.

### SCHOOL INSPECTIONS.

The Inspector of English Schools, dealing with the question of the appointment of members to inspect schools, said that at the April meeting it was proposed that no Committee should be appointed but that the selection of members to visit schools should be left to himself. He thought Mr. Wylie had over-looked that fact when bringing the question forward at the last meeting. It was decided at the same time that the visits to schools should be made by not more than three members of the Board at any one time, one of whom should be the Inspector of English Schools. Since that date it had been considered necessary to visit only a certain class of school. These schools had been visited several times and on nearly every occasion he had invited one member of the Board who had been specially interested in the schools, to accompany him. The autumn term was, for various reasons, the most suitable term for visits to be made by members of the Board. Mr. Ralphs said that he had found the comments and suggestions made by members very useful indeed. As there were 30 schools he proposed to visit and as it was his intention to ask two members of the Board to accompany him on each visit, he predicted that the members would be called on rather frequently during the coming term. It was not desirable as a rule that any school should be visited by members more than once a year, and as the Board originally decided that not more than two members should accompany the Inspector at any one time, he thought the reasonableness of the suggestion was apparent.

Mr. Silva-Netto agreed with Mr. Ralphs' remarks. He thought there was no necessity to appoint members to visit any particular schools, but to leave it entirely to Mr. Ralphs to arrange. The system had worked well in the past.

The Director of Education said that at the last meeting, members who had visited the Indian School, commented unfavourably on the state of the latrines, which were too

### COMMERCIAL.

HONGKONG NOTES AND COMMENT.

### METALS BUSINESS.

A number of buyers were in the local metals market at the beginning of the week with orders for Shantung pig-iron. Yesterday and to-day they were rather inconspicuous and the market is quiet.

Considerable attention is being devoted to Wire Nails. In the last fortnight there has been a genuine demand for them but with a few importers canvassing indents at comparatively low prices, there has been a disquieting effect. Yesterday eight lots of various quantities were accepted of the 330 assortment at \$10.00 per picul keg, arrival in three to five months, ex-godown.

Plate Cuttings.—Shantung buyers were buying at about \$4.20 per picul but clearances have eased off and demand has diminished.

Round Bars.—A Chinese dealer offered \$5.00 for a quantity of the "size" to be imported on the usual terms but the offer has not been accepted by Home manufacturers.

### COTTON FIGURES.

There were exported from Liverpool to Hongkong the following cotton goods:—

Week ending June 15, 129,000 sq. yards plain piecegoods, 138,000 sq. yards dyed, coloured and printed piecegoods and 2,000 lbs. cotton yarn.

The corresponding figures for the week ending June 22 were, 269,000 sq. yards, 308,000 square yards and 2,000 lbs.

### HOME TRADE.

Commenting on Home trade in mail week, the *Manchester Guardian Commercial* says:—(Cotton).—Raw material weaker. Yarn and cloth trade restricted. Wool.—Raw materials steady owing to French purchases. Home trade slack.

Other Textiles.—Flax steady, cloth orders scarce. Jute firm; hessians in considerable demand. Drapery, etc.—Retail buying fairly good. Manufacturers quiet. Shoes and Leather.—Home outlook disappointing. Export trade quiet.

Metals.—Copper unchanged, refined weaker. Tin prices falling. Lead easier. Spelter weak. Chemicals.—Inactive; prices steady.

Coal.—Improved inquiry, business quiet. Export demand better. Iron and Steel.—Pig iron prices reduced, buyers cautious. Finished iron and steel quiet. Freight.—Stagnant.

Berlin, July 31.—The strike of metal workers in Silesia, mentioned in a cable message dated July 21, has terminated.—*Reuter*.

near the school buildings. He had been in correspondence with the Government about it and he hoped that, eventually, it would be arranged to have a water closet, to be flushed by means of water obtained from a well to be sunk there. Nothing had yet been definitely settled about moving the latrines, but he was still in correspondence with the Government about it.

Mr. Silva Netto drew attention to the latrines at the Ellis Kadoorie School.

The Chairman, replying, said there was a suggestion made that the Sanitary Board should be asked to be responsible for the maintenance of the latrines at the School. The matter was referred to the Head of the Sanitary Department, who did not see his way to accept the responsibility. He (the Director of Education) did not think that in any case it would have been a desirable arrangement to have dual control. He was afraid he could give no further information on the subject.

Rev. T. W. Pearce said that after the last inspection in which he took part, a formal recommendation was made that the Sanitary Board should take over the latrines, but they declined to accept responsibility.

### LAUNCH TRAGEDY.

OFFICIAL INQUIRY CLOSES

Yesterday afternoon at the Harbour Office the inquiry into the capsizing of the Namtao ferry launch, "Fee Din Yat" on July 8 in the harbour of Salt Fish Lane, on July 8 resulting in the death of between 20 and 30 passengers was concluded. The Court was formed of Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Harbour Master, Captain W. Davidson and Mr. F. W. James.

The first witness called was the Assistant Government Marine Surveyor, Mr. P. J. Taylor. He said that the launch came under him for survey on June 5 last. It did not strike him then that the launch was "tender," nor that she was too narrow in the beam.

Commander Beckwith: Did it strike you that the "Fee Din Yat" was in any way a "tender launch" or was its beam too narrow?

Mr. Taylor: No. After receiving the certificate as to the stability of the launch from Bailey's shipyard were you satisfied that the launch was fit and proper for service between here and Chinese territory?—Yes.

Had the launch any ballast when you surveyed her?—I don't know. In reply to a further question witness said the launch had a life boat and seventy-two life belts and buoys.

Commander Beckwith: Launches surveyed are measured, for passengers and not for cargo. If they carry cargo they will have to carry less passengers in ratio to the amount of cargo, so that there is practically no measurement for cargo?—Yes.

In reply to Captain Davidson, Mr. Taylor said several launches had been surveyed in recent months for stability.

Mr. George Swan, of Bailey's shipyards, said he issued a "Fee Din Yat" in June and explained in detail the method adopted in testing the vessel. The "Fee Din Yat" in his opinion, was a very good launch with a good deal more stability than the harbour launches, and quite fit to carry the number of passengers allowed by the licence.

Leung Shing, a salvage contractor, gave evidence as to raising the "Fee Din Yat".

Commander Beckwith: How was she lying when you raised her?

Witness: The launch was lying on the starboard side with the bridge touching the bottom of the sea and the bow pointing to the sea wall. The mast was broken.

Did you do anything more than to raise her?—On the 27th, I towed the launch to the Kwong Hip Loong shipyard.

You did not take anything from the launch, such as the engines or ballast?—No.

The coxswain, recalled, was asked by the Chairman if the launch clearly shows this pig-like shape with a half-developed trunk and is a moral to any child.

There is no other moral to be drawn from this particular beast—"particular" is the very word, for it turns up its snout-like trunk at any food which costs less than 5d. a mouthful.

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There is one other food which it deigns to eat—sweet potatoes—of which a small supply is left after the voyage. To keep this on the tapir's menu would mean importing special consignments at ruinous expense.

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### IRISH LOYALISTS.

FREE STATE PLEDGES UNREDEEMED.

"Two years ago the Government gave so-called Dominion government to Southern Ireland, accompanied by a pledge that all those who had been loyal to the British Crown in Ireland should be adequately protected and compensated for any losses which they might suffer. Since then a steady and systematic campaign has been conducted in order to drive them out of Ireland. The Free State Government has shown by its whole attitude and by its legislation that it has no intention of redeeming its pledges to those unfortunate people."

This statement was made by the Duke of Northumberland, chairman of the Southern Irish Loyalists Relief Association, at a Mansion House meeting in aid of the distressed Loyalists. Lord Carson, Lord Willoughby de Broke, Brigadier-General Prescott, the Hon. Esmond Harnsworth, M.P., Sir William Ellison-McCartney, and Mr. A. Somerville, M.P., were among those present.

The Duke of Northumberland doubted whether the Free State Government, with the spectre of bankruptcy looming closer, could redeem its pledge if it wished to do so. We had a debt of honour to pay, and pressure ought to be brought to bear on the Government to ensure that grants due to the Irish Government under the Treaty should be paid only on condition that all claims of Irish Loyalists were paid in full.

Lord Carson said he had been a false teacher because he had told his fellow-countrymen to trust in the justice, intelligence, and fairness of England. Many of them would not be suffering if they had not taken that advice—if they could have made themselves party to murder and assassination, arson and pillage.

It was not their wish that the change in the Government of Ireland should be carried out on the cheap and that the only sufferers in the transactions should be the friends who had assisted them in the past. There was a duty incumbent upon his Majesty's Government, whoever they might be, to see that those things should not be.

A resolution calling for adequate compensation to the Loyalists of Southern Ireland was passed.

### PIG WITH A TRUNK.

ZOO FOOD PROBLEM OF THE TAPIR.

Aesop's frog that tried to swell to the size of an ox had a cousin in the shape of a pig that tried to grow into an elephant, and at the Zoo the beast is called a tapir.

The black and white Malayan tapir who has just arrived in London clearly shows this pig-like shape with a half-developed trunk and is a moral to any child.

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### CANTEEN SALES.

3S. 4D. CIGARETTE CASES. THAT BROUGHT 3D.

At a sitting of the Navy and Army Canteens Committee the chairman, Mr. Frederick Banbury, read the report of Messrs. Rao, Smith, and Fisher that certain sales were made through a Mr. Pollock, a hardware merchant, and Mr. Stanley, a fruit and vegetable grower, of candles, cigarettes, cigars, cereals, spices of all kinds, clocks, hosiery, and sports requisites. The report criticised the method of disposing of such a large variety of goods through a vegetable grower and a hardware merchant.

Major H. Van den Bergh who held a position with the Canteens Board, continuing his evidence, said these sales were carried out by his chief assistant and not by himself.

The Chairman: Am I right in saying the transactions were submitted to you for your approval?—Yes.

Did you take any steps to find out who Mr. Pollock was?—I left that to my assistant.

Leave to your assistant?—My work was all over the country.

The chairman said Mr. Stanley purchased certain lots of tapioca for 23s. a cwt. and re-sold them at 27s. 6d. Mr. Stanley also received £1,300 odd in commissions.

Asked about the sale at 3d. each of a large number of cigarette cases which had cost 3s. 4d. each, Major Van den Bergh said he did not think he ever sold any cigarette cases. That was done by his chief assistant, Mr. Fenton, who was dead. "I had to put a lot of reliance on my assistants," he said. "I think a mistake must have been made with regard to the cigarette cases."

On the subject of the sales made by Mr. Fenton, Major Van den Bergh said that he himself was morally responsible.

PIANO SALES.

The chairman said that it was only fair to the witness to say that he had not attempted to evade the responsibility that was on his shoulders.

Major Van den Bergh: I was morally responsible.

The chairman referred to a sale of pianos at £14 and £15 at a time when the ordinary auction prices were from £20 to £37 10s.

Colonel Hodge: Do I understand that a man named Blake was in the position of having delivery orders in his possession to obtain goods of the value of £250,000 to which he was not entitled, and to sell the goods and decamp?—Yes.

Do you agree that was a very serious thing?—It was, but it ought never to be able to happen.

Sir Francis Towle, managing director of the Gordon Hotels, who was a member of the original committee before the Canteens Board was formed, was the next witness. He said: "I have waited for three years for this opportunity, and I have had an uncomfortable three years." He had the greatest possible confidence in Major Van den Bergh and had not the slightest suspicion of dishonesty on his part.

Asked whether he thought large amounts of money were lost on account of inefficiency, he replied: "No. On the whole, the results were extraordinarily fortunate."

The Committee adjourned.

### RICHBOROUGH.

AGAIN ON GOVERNMENT'S HANDS.

Richborough, the great war-time Kent port, is once more on the Government's hands.

In 1921 the port was sold to the Queenborough Development Co., Ltd., for £1,447,000, the purchase money to be paid in three yearly instalments.

The property was subsequently placed in the hands of a receiver, Sir Albert Wyon, of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse, and Co., chartered accountants.

Litigation followed to determine the situation between the Government and the company. Steps were taken on behalf of the company to get the agreement with the Government rescinded.

It is now understood that after lengthy negotiation the port will again become the property of the Government and that it will once more be for disposal.

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### WOMEN'S PROBLEMS.

HOUSEWIFE'S HARD LIFE AT ATHENS.

Mr. F. A. Wright, one of the latest and most interesting of our writers on classical literature, whose excellent verse translations from the Greek Anthology have received wide commendation, has written a delightful book in his "Feminism in Greek Literature" (Routledge, 6s.). He shows indeed, that our modern feminist problems are as old as Euripides and Aristophanes. Much that he has to say is quite fresh, and will surprise and please scholars quite as much as the lay public.

Despite its splendid civilisation, Athens degraded women to a low position, and that may have been, he thinks, one of the hidden causes of her fall.

A woman's life at Athens in the 5th century B.C. was a dreary business. She was confined closely to the house, a harem prisoner, but without any of that luxurious ease which the harem system sometimes offered as a solace for the loss of freedom. An Athenian house was small, dark, and uncomfortable, and a woman's day was occupied with a long round of monotonous work. Men and women dressed alike.

There were some slight varieties in shape, material, and colour, but, speaking generally, it is correct to say that an Athenian lady or an Athenian gentleman was dressed informally when he or she had one blanket draped about their person. Full dress consisted of another blanket over the first, and the art of dress consisted in suitable pinning and the proper arrangement of the folds.

Euripides taught, however, against the opinion of Athens, that "women are different from men, but they are not inferior," and with intense irony questioned "man's position as the natural lord of creation." He taught, too, that women were not wanting in courage. Into Medea's mouth he put the striking words: "Rather would I stand three times in the battle line of shields than bear one child." And that point was made afresh by Aristophanes.

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### EDUCATION.

TWELVE PARENTS PROSECUTED.

Lowestoft Police Court was packed at the hearing of summonses against 12 parents who are sending their children to the welfare centres carried on by the National Union of Teachers and staffed by teachers dismissed last March by the local education authority for refusing to accept reduced salaries.

At the outset counsel for the prosecution objected to two of the magistrates on the ground that they had shown interest in the teachers' dispute. Dr. Mead, one of the magistrates referred to, immediately retired from the Bench, but the other, Mr. C. Jacobs, retained his seat and protested against counsel's suggestion. "When I was appointed a magistrate," added Mr. Jacobs, "I was asked to do justice, and that I intend to do."

Mr. Dodson, for the prosecution, said that under the Education Act it was the duty of parents to send their children to school. The welfare centres were opened by the dismissed teachers. The children, who were attending the centres were receiving some sort of education, but what kind the Education Authority did not know, as it had no access to the centres.

Authority was bound to take notice of these centres because about 1,500 children were withheld from the certified schools.

Counsel for the defence intimated that the local authority was in duty bound to have in its school an efficient staff. It was his intention to call evidence to show that both on moral and educational grounds some of the new teachers appointed did not come within the Board of Education code.



## SHIPPING.

## NEW DERRICK.

A new type of derrick, designed by Dr. H. Meyer, is installed on a series of freight steamers being built for the North German Lloyd at the Vulkan Werke shipyards, Stettin, and is intended to reduce a ship's loading tackle to a minimum. The principle underlying the new scheme consists of placing the cross-trees higher than is the usual practice, and high enough for the derricks to be swung underneath and to be utilised both fore and aft. This new arrangement will prove especially useful in cases where two sets of four derricks each, in connection with only two capstans, have so far been provided fore and aft, with a view to using the four capstans surrounding the mast at will for either set of derricks. It also enables one set with the corresponding tackle to be dispensed with. The advantage derived from Dr. Meyer's scheme will be even greater if, as in the case of smaller vessels, only one capstan and one derrick are provided for each hatch. However, even in the case of six capstans in connection with six derricks surrounding the mast, it will be found useful to arrange two of these derricks for swinging below the cross-trees, either the innermost or the outermost derricks being used to this effect.

## BUILDERS' SCHEMES.

The purchase of old boats from abroad, now in vogue in Japan, has dealt a serious blow to the shipbuilding industry, whose mainstay is now repair work. Even this is difficult to secure. The shipowners, taking advantage of the situation, have been dictating their own terms to the builders. Shipbuilders in Tokyo and Kobe have decided to make an organised effort to extricate themselves out of their difficulties, says the *Japan Chronicle*. Their plan of operation is reported to include such items as petitioning the Government for the restitution of the Shipbuilding Encouragement Act; sharing among themselves materials in stock, in order to reduce building costs, collection of dock dues, an agreed rate for repairs and a fixed period for settlements and the establishment of a fund to give help when needed for the execution of repairs contracted.

## THE "LEVIATHAN."

In connection with the sailing of the s.s. "Leviathan" from New York on July 4 on her maiden trip to the Pacific Mail, as Agents for the United States lines, are in receipt of the following information: In the kitchen and dining room service she is equipped with: 48,000 pieces of glassware, 120,000 pieces of chinaware, and 72,000 pieces of silverware. She has 20,000 square yds. of carpet, 3,000 square yds. of Oriental rugs, 15 miles of plumbing, 500 miles of electric wiring, and 15,000 electric bulbs. 76 life-boats are provided having a capacity for 4,750 persons all classes. Six round trip voyages between New York, Southampton and Cherbourg have been arranged between July 4th and November 2nd. Fares range from \$275 for a single room, to the suites with two bedrooms, parlour, dining room, three bathrooms, and trunk-rooms, at a cost of \$5,278.

## SAN FRANCISCO TONNAGE.

All tonnage records for the port of San Francisco were broken during May: 574 vessels departed and 522 arrived. The inward tonnage was 1,211,893, and the outgoing 1,234,217, the grand total being 2,446,110 tons.

## ISLAND FUNERAL.

## DESTROYER ESCORT FOR PIERRE LOTI.

The funeral of the late M. Viual (Pierre Loti, the author of adventure novels and travel books) took place at St. Pierre d'Oleron, a hamlet on a rocky island off Rochefort.

It was the funeral which the sailor novelist, who supervised the building of his tomb, would have chosen for himself. The waves were running high under a dull, grey sky when the coffin was borne by sailors on board the gun boat "Chamois" at Rochefort and transported to the island.

The "Chamois" and the escort of destroyers had to fight through the westerly gale to the island of Oleron, where, in the little rock-bound harbour, a French Protestant minister read the simple words of the Huguenot burial service, and ended with a quotation from one of Loti's works.

Then, in accordance with the last wishes of the dead novelist, the minister and the Government officials, the sailors and officers withdrew, and at nightfall the coffin was buried in the presence of only Loti's family.

A plain granite stone, bearing the words "Pierre Loti" marks the grave in the midst of evergreen bushes.

## THE SPHENEDON.

## OLDEST CREATURE LIVING.

The scientific world was startled, not long ago, by the report that traces of a living dinosaur had been found in Patagonia, says a writer in *Popular Science*. Expeditions were organised to capture this very ancient form of life which natural history experts think died out three million years ago.

But there is a creature living on a tiny islet off the New Zealand coast which is older. Sphenodon to give it its scientific name, or Tuatara, as the Maoris called it, is at least a million years older than the dinosaur. And it exists to-day, three million years after the dinosaur perished from the earth!

Sphenodon, eight million years old by the most conservative estimate, is a species, genus, family and order all by itself. It is a reptile, but it is neither crocodile, lizard, snake, nor turtle. Loosely speaking, he is more of a lizard than anything else. He is really the grandfather of them all and, by the same token, the ancestral form of the bird. It is, perhaps, seven and a half million years older than the first man and it looks just the same now as it did in the Permian period of the Palaeozoic age, eight million years ago.

Through all those eight million years Sphenodon had gone right on in his rut. Old continents were destroyed and new continents arose from the ocean, and they in turn grew old and were destroyed, but Sphenodon went joggling along never changing his appearance or his habits or anything.

The Tuatara or Sphenodon is so important, scientifically, that the Government of New Zealand has taken steps to protect it against extinction. It is an open question, however, whether the government has intervened in time, for as far back as 1882 the creatures were very rare.

At one time, scientists believe, Sphenodon flourished all over New Zealand. But it has disappeared from the two main islands, and of late years has only been found on a group of rocky islands, none of them more than six acres in extent in the Bay of Plenty on the east side of the North Island.

They gradually disappeared from all but one of the islands, and on that one Karewa, only one man now knows where to find them. They have survived on Karewa because even the Maoris—the natives of New Zealand—avoided it—and the reason for their fear of it was discovered when a scientific expedition found Sphenodon there, as will be told later on.

Why has Sphenodon outlived the dinosaur and all the other prehistoric creatures who first appeared on this earth a good while afterwards? Why has he not changed, or adapted himself, like other old forms of life that still exist? Dr. G. Kingsley Noble has a very succinct answer to these questions.

"YEAR TO HATCH AN EGG. Sphenodon still lives on Karewa," says Dr. Noble, "because the conditions of life on that island are about the same to-day as they

were eight million years ago. He hasn't changed in all those years because he hasn't had to change. Sphenodon exists to-day where he does simply because he is unchangeable. Life has to adapt itself to conditions. When conditions change, life adapts itself or perishes. That is what happened to the dinosaur. He lived and flourished for four million years. Then conditions changed and he did not. He died. No doubt Sphenodon died too, in other parts of the earth. We have seen him die on the larger islands of New Zealand. He would not exist to-day on Karewa if it had changed much."

And this is one of the reasons why New Zealand, even more than Australia is so interesting to the naturalist. It contains traces of forms of life not found elsewhere, and as in the case of Sphenodon the living forms themselves, mainly because it has not changed until quite recently.

For example, Sphenodon had no competition with predatory animals until recently. The greatest enemies of all the prehistoric creatures were mammals, who first evolved, five million years ago, as small, rat-like creatures.

But in two million years' time these mammals had grown and adapted themselves, and the prehistoric reptiles had not adapted themselves. Wherefore the unchanging reptiles perished as did the dinosaur.

But the record of the rocks shows that there were no mammals in New Zealand until approximately a thousand years ago—a mere split-second in the history of the world. These first mammals in New Zealand were men and rats, which the men brought with them. And for eight million years, minus a thousand, Sphenodon had competition with other forms of life.

## ADVENT OF MAN.

Nor has the vegetable life on the island of Karewa changed greatly from that to which Sphenodon was accustomed. The great ferns and vines and thorny scrub and ancient kinds of rocks are still there. But on the larger islands, men came, and later other mammals, and with their coming began Sphenodon's exit.

Sphenodon is from nine to twelve inches long. The female lays her eggs in the sand and the male fertilises them. The sun does the rest, but it takes a year or more to hatch them. One egg at a time, and perhaps a dozen in a life-time is the egg-laying rate of Sphenodon.

The little reptiles are very sluggish and do nothing to resist their capture. If taken by the tail, they give one of their investigators, says one of their captors, they give a quick shake and drop away from their tails—leaving the latter in their captors' hands. Some specimens were found with tails lacking vertebrae. Instead, they possessed a flattened, jointless strip of cartilage. The scientists reasoned that these were replaced tails, and that when it was necessary to reproduce a tail the appendage grew minus the vertebrae. The Sphenodons were dull olive green in colour except on the belly, which was white with yellow spots.

## NEW NAVAL BASE.

## RECOGNITION OF AUSTRALIAN INTERESTS.

The policy of the Imperial Government is asking Parliament to sanction an appropriation towards the cost of establishing a naval base at Singapore for capital ships of profound interest to Australia, observes the *Brisbane Courier*, of June 18. Within a comparatively recent date a representative of the Commonwealth Naval Board was given an opportunity of meeting Admiralty experts for the purpose of considering the suitability of the proposed site mainly, we may assume, in its relation to Australian defence, and as the scheme has since been embodied in the British naval estimates for the current year, the inference may be drawn that an important development in the defence policy of the Empire is in contemplation. Singapore, as a glance at the map will indicate represents one of the most valuable strategic positions on the ocean highway to the East. It is one of the ports which the foresight of the builders of British sea power added to the Imperial domain of trade and commerce in ages long gone by. From Plymouth, Hoe, out of which the great captains of the Elizabethan era sailed the Seven Seas planting the flag of Empire, to fat Cathay, where, at Hongkong, the modern merchant armadas of the world distribute their precious freights amongst the nations of the East, the channels of trade are served at frequent intervals by British ports and naval stations. Links in the strategic chain are Gibraltar, Malta, Suez, Aden, Karachi, Bombay, Colombo, and Singapore, which may be regarded as the principal gateway of commerce to and from the Pacific.

The British Government's decision to establish at Singapore the facilities for supplying, docking, and repairing her biggest capital ships is a recognition of the vital interests of Australia and New Zealand in matters pertaining to Empire defence. With an adequate navy in a position to operate from Singapore the dangers of an attack from any hostile Power would be considerably lessened, and an assurance provided that in the event of a conflict in the Pacific the sea routes for Australian and British trade would be amply guarded against interference from any quarter. The moral effect on India, and other countries where, under the inspiration of alien propaganda, the belief is gaining ground that the prestige of Britain and of Western nations generally has weakened, would also be very beneficial. Japan can hardly take umbrage, because she has no reason to fear any hostile designs on the part of Britain, whose attitude has always been friendly. The conversion of Singapore into a naval dock and repair station even in the eyes of the Japanese, cannot be regarded as more than a measure of precaution dictated by the circumstances of the time. The Singapore project is of unquestionable importance in any re-

## POISON IN SUBMARINES.

## ARSENIC IN BATTERIES AND PLATES.

At the resumed conference on international labour organisation and industrial health at the Royal Sanitary Institute, Dr. T. M. Legge, Medical Inspector of the Home Office Factories Department, referred to the necessity for investigating elusive and rare industrial diseases. He mentioned that in 1915 certain British submarines had to return to port because the crews were suffering from the characteristic symptoms of a certain poison gas, which could only arise where acid or metal was contaminated with arsenic.

It was at first thought that the arsenic had been inserted by a German spy, but examination led to the discovery of one-fifth of 1 per cent. of arsenic in the plates and batteries of the submarine. Hundreds of thousands of pounds had to be spent in replacing the batteries and plates. A submarine might go to the bottom from industrial poison of that kind and no one be the wiser.

Professor E. L. Collis, of the Welsh National School of Medicine, said our weather made us the nation we were. If we had the weather we asked for, probably we should degenerate into a third-class Power.

## BOAT DRAMA.

## DEATH TO EVADE CAPTURE.

As the *Boulogne-Paris* express was steaming out of the station a man jumped from the mail van and walked to a tunnel on the Calais line, where he laid down with his neck resting on a rail. Some moments later a train cut his head off. The man, Louis Tirel, had just been charged with many robberies of hand-luggage at Boulogne recently. He was a Post Office sorter on the Boulogne-Paris route, and suspicion fell on him as a result of the discovery that the robberies happened only when he was on duty at Boulogne Harbour. It is alleged, he was caught red-handed. Mme. Leveque, a French woman arriving from London, saw the man dart to her side and snatch away her attaché-case. She gave the alarm and Tirel was caught.

Given into the charge of the postal inspector, in the Paris express, Tirel was to have been arrested on the train's arrival at its destination.

ally effective scheme for Australian naval defence and the people of the Commonwealth who realise the impossibility of bearing the burden unaided, will gladly welcome Britain's help in setting up a barrier against hostile aggression at a point in Australia's sea frontiers where the Council of Imperial Defence believes it will prove most useful should the emergency ever arise.

## BANDIT'S ROMANCE.

## PRISON MARRIAGE TO A BEAUTIFUL GIRL.

The trial of Plattner, flatteringly described in the German Press as the "greatest bandit produced by Germany for a century," began at Hallein-die-Saale.

Plattner was leader of a band of robbers chiefly recruited in Berlin, and he paid each member a good weekly wage. The series of daring robberies, any one of which would provide the scenario of an exciting film, was organised by him, so long that it has taken the police six months to put in order the evidence against him.

Plattner, as every good bandit should be, is an idealist and a disciple of Lenin.

The romance of his life was crowned in the prison chapel a few weeks ago when he was married to a beautiful girl.

## LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVALS.

St. Albans, (E. & A.) from Moji.—A3.  
Paul Lecat, (M.M. Cie.) from Saigon.—A2.  
Kwasang, (J. M. & Co.) from Bangkok, Swatow.—C37.  
Cheongshing, (J. M. & Co.) from Tientsin, Weihaiwei.—C33.  
Kaijo Maru, (O.S.K.) from Keelung, Swatow.—Co's Wharf.  
Camillo, (A.P.C.) from Singapore.—Co's Wharf.  
Delagoa Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Yokohama.—Kowloon Wharf.  
Prosper, (Fok Tai Cheong) from Saigon.—C43.  
Szechuen, (B. & S.) from Shanghai, Swatow.—B12.  
Laisang, (J. M. & Co.) from Calcutta, Singapore.—Kowloon Wharf.  
Telemachus, (Wo Fat Sing) from Saigon.—West Point.

## DEPARTURES.

Hydrangea, (Chin On) for Swatow.—August 2.  
Lt. de Missiesy, (M. M. Cie) for Saigon.—August 2.  
Paul Lecat, (M. M. Cie) for Shanghai.—August 2.  
Jade, (Kai Yu) for Haiphong, Hoihow.—August 2.  
Chusan, (B. & S.) for Shanghai.—August 2.  
Wing Hong, (Williamson) for Hongay.—August 2.  
President McKinley, (Ad. Line) for Seattle, Shanghai.—August 2.  
Hok Canton, (Hong On) for Fort Bayard.—August 2.

As a result of a gas explosion at a baker's shop in Marlborough-road, Holloway, N., a man and a woman were injured and a plate-glass window was blown out. The injured woman is Mrs. Taylor, wife of the proprietor of the shop. She was burned on the face, neck, and arms. The man was Frank Ellis, a gas inspector.

## NUTS AND WINE.

## WOMEN AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

The refusal of the University of Cambridge to admit women to membership was much discussed on the second reading of the Oxford and Cambridge Universities Bill.

Women have colleges at Cambridge and can secure degrees, but the full privileges of membership of the university are denied them, and as State assistance is to be given to these universities opportunity was sought to compel Cambridge to come into line with Oxford. In the committee stage an attempt will be made to include a provision to enable the Cambridge Commissioners—set up under the Bill—to admit women to full membership. Mr. J. R. M. Butler, son of a former Master of Trinity, declared that it was impossible for Cambridge to remain a man's university solely. There was no place in the British Empire where less attention was paid to social distinctions than the universities. One of the professors at Cambridge started life as a basket-maker and was proud of the fact. (Cheers.)

The segregation of the sexes is essential for good education, declared Lord Hugh Cecil, who thought a really mixed university would be disastrous.

"Not that I am afraid of these young people falling in love," he explained. "At that age people do not very often fall in love. But they get into the relationship of pals, and nothing is less educationally valuable than that; it does not stimulate the brain. At Oxford I spent whole Sunday afternoons arguing at the top of my voice over nuts and wine—(laughter)—which I should not have done if young women students had been among the party. Though more pleasing it would have been less stimulating."

Referring to the educational "ladder" to the universities, Lord Hugh remarked that he did not want it to become "a mechanical escalator."

LABOUR M.P.'S "PAL." Mr. J. J. Lawson, a Labour member, thought Lord Hugh Cecil had missed something in not having the friendship of a "pal." Up to 25 his education consisted of what he could pick up after working to hours a day in a coal mine. Then the opportunity came for him to go to Oxford for a year or two, and the best pal I ever had, he added, feelingly, suggested that we should sell every stick we had, and while I went to the university. If the noble lord had had the experience of a "pal" like that his attitude towards the problem would be different.

The second reading was agreed to.

## P.M.G.'S £40 APPEAL.

## "TYRANNICAL CONDUCT" ALLEGED.

Judgment was delivered in the dispute over £40 between the Postmaster-General and the Corporation of Liverpool. It arose out of an action by the Postmaster-General to recover the cost of repairing telephone pipes and cables, said to have been damaged by explosion through a leakage from corporation electric light cables under North John-street. An agreement between the National Telephone Co. and the corporation that in the event of such damage there should be no liability on the part of the corporation had been held to be binding on the Postmaster-General, who appealed against the decision.

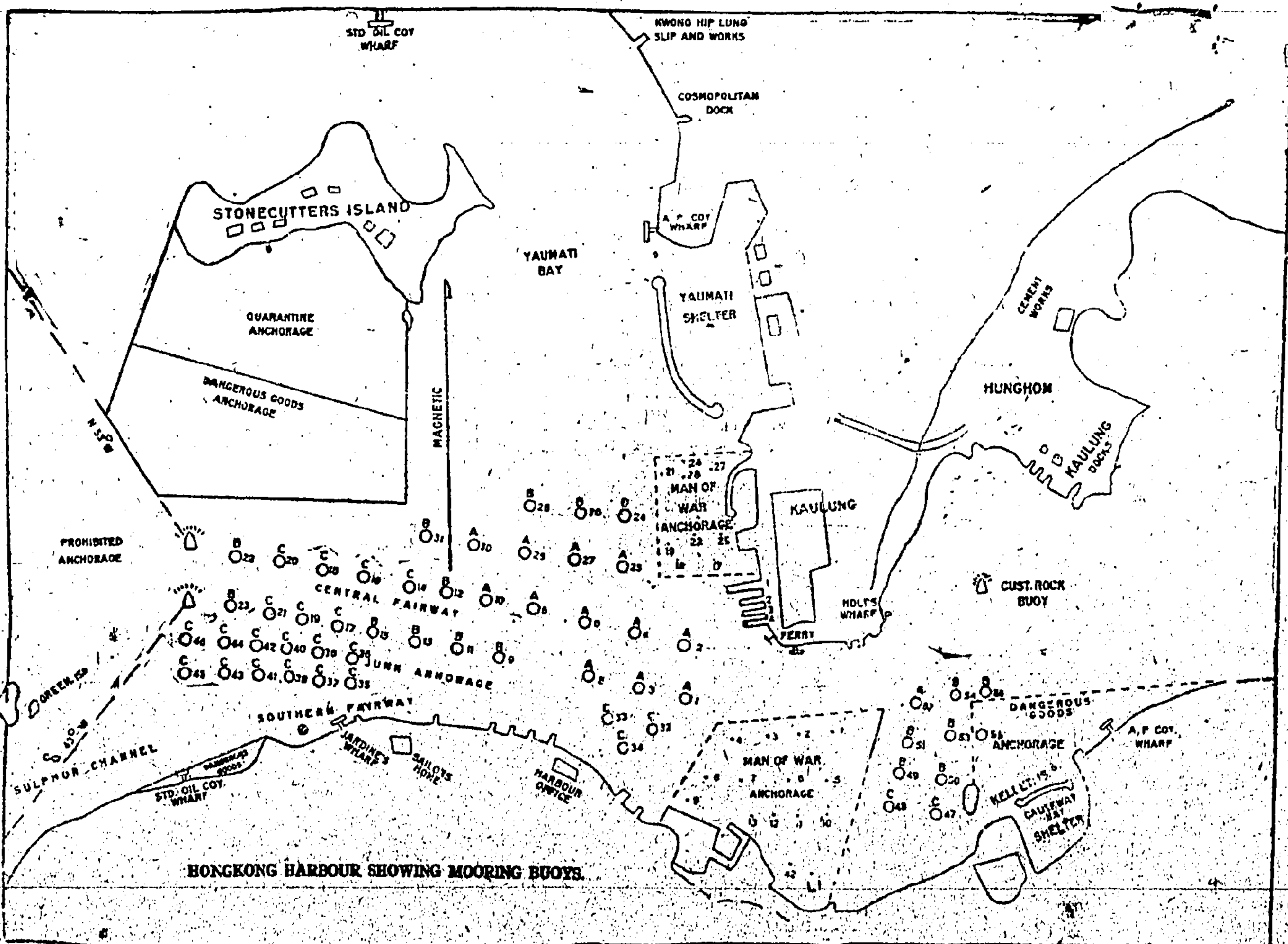
Lord Birkenhead said that a circular letter addressed to the corporation by the Postmaster-General, was interesting from the fact that it adopted an entirely inaccurate statement of the law. No notice was given to the corporation by the Postmaster-General asking for a withdrawal of the conditions under which he had taken over the service from the Telephone Company. Parliament had provided means by which he could have obtained relief, and it was important to observe that he had not availed himself of this statutory provision.

Lord Birkenhead proceeded to refer to what he called fantastic consequences involved in the Postmaster-General's arguments. He (Lord Birkenhead) knew of no consideration of law or equity which entitled the Postmaster-General to transfer an advantage to himself and take it away from the other party. It was an absolutely hopeless appeal.

Lord Shaw, in agreeing, made reference to tyrannical and dishonest conduct which found no support by Act of Parliament.

Lord Carson said that the Postmaster-General had exceeded all necessity of litigation in bringing this matter of £40 to the House of Lords. It seemed to him as though the Postmaster-General wanted to lay it down that he could do no wrong, and that if a wrong he could ask anyone else to pay for it.

The Postmaster-General's appeal was dismissed with costs.







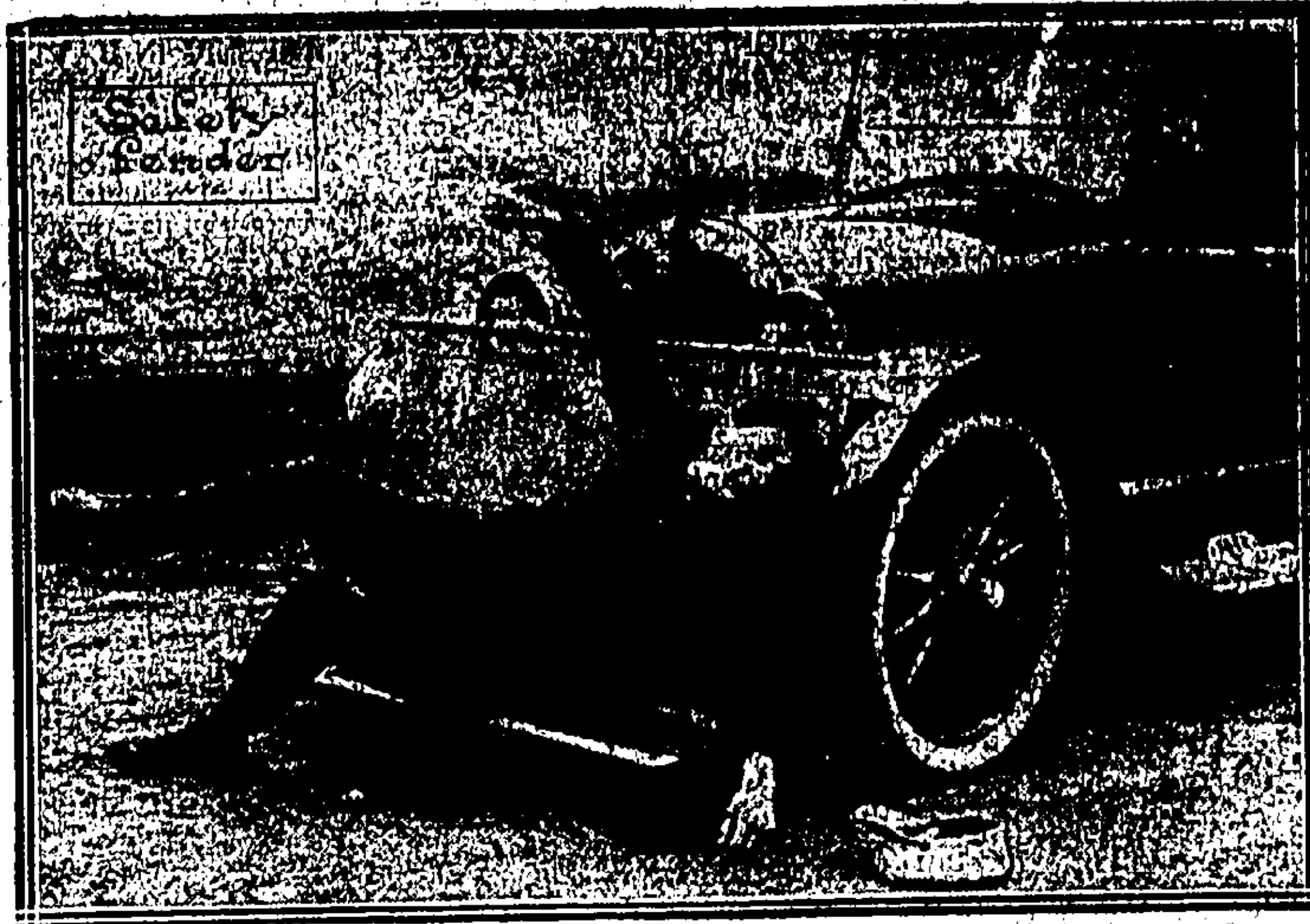
Jessica Brown

This is the latest photograph of beautiful Jessica Brown, who is engaged to marry the youthful Scottish Earl of Northesk, formerly an officer in the Coldstream Guards. The Earl is in America for the wedding, but the couple have been refused a marriage license in New York following the declaration of Cyril de Witt Reinhard, her former husband, that her divorce is not legal. It is now reported they will go to Canada for the wedding.



Princess Maud

Public announcement has been made in London of the engagement of the Princess Royal, Maud, to Lord Carnegie, son of the Earl of Southesk, whose kinsman the Earl of Northesk, is in America to marry Jessica Brown, the dancer. Princess Maud is the eldest daughter of the late Duke of Fife, who lost his life as a result of a shipwreck off Gibraltar in 1911, in which the Princess miraculously escaped. She is 30.



To save the lives of pedestrians this new safety-bumper has been offered for testing to the Chicago Safety Council. By means of a mechanical device the driver is able to drop the bumper as a fender, and a furled apron is extended upward at the same time, thus making a canvas hammock at the front of the automobile. This scoops up the victim and carries him along unhurt until the car can be brought to a stop.



Miss Katherine H. Shea

Miss Katherine H. Shea, Charlestown girl, Chief Marshal of the Commencement Day exercises at Barnard College, Columbia University, and an honour graduate, will enter Harvard School of Engineering to continue her courses in electrical engineering. She has been awarded a scholarship. Miss Shea plans to win a Harvard degree and then go to Oxford University, England for a two-years post graduate course.



Feodore Chaliapin

Feodore Chaliapin, the world-famous Russian tenor, who has been touring America, has sailed for a pleasure tour of Europe.



H. H. Curran

Henry H. Curran, Republican Mayoralty candidate in New York City in 1921, has been named by President Harding to be Commissioner of Immigration in charge of the Ellis Island, New York station succeeding Robert E. Tod, who resigned.



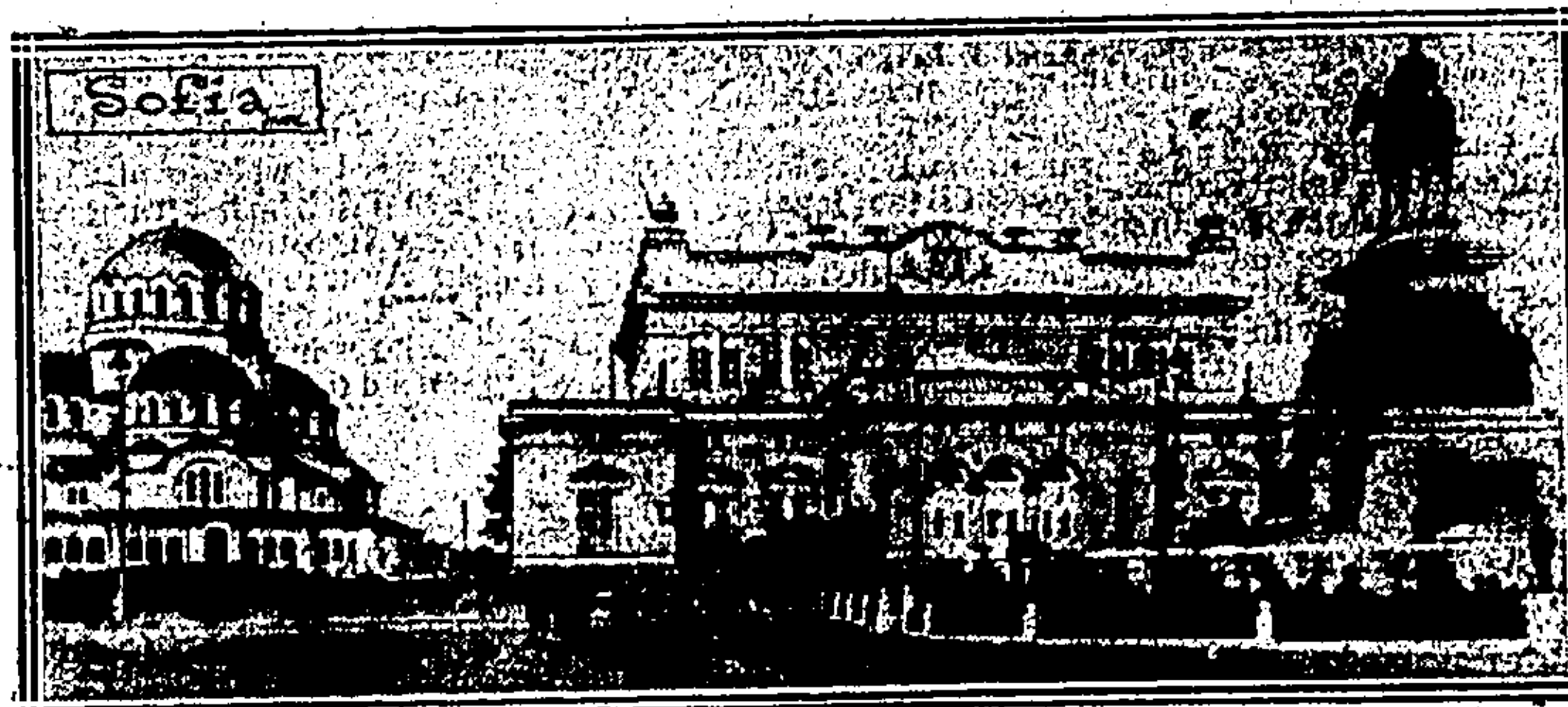
Helen Blossom Martin

This is a new photograph of Helen Blossom Martin, nurse and secretary to a physician, who was strangled to death by Eleugia Lazade, a Filipino servant in the physician's household. Later the Filipino was arrested as he sought to throw her body into the river. It is revealed that the nurse was the occupant of a "love nest" maintained for her by a millionaire shoe manufacturer, a married man, and that the Filipino killed her for jealousy.



Pete Herman and baby

Former bantamweight champion Pete Herman, shown here with his little daughter in his home in New Orleans, is rapidly recovering his eyesight. In a fight two years ago with Midget Smith, Herman became totally blind as a result of blows in the face. After the gamest fight of his career, he is slowly recovering and hopes to be able shortly to become a manager of a stable of prize fighters. His boxing days are over.



It is reported that 100,000 Bulgarian peasants are preparing to attack Sofia, the capital, to turn out the military regime which has seized the reins of Government. This photograph shows a view of Sofia: with the Houses of Parliament, the Church of St. Nicholas of Neski and a monument to a former ruler.

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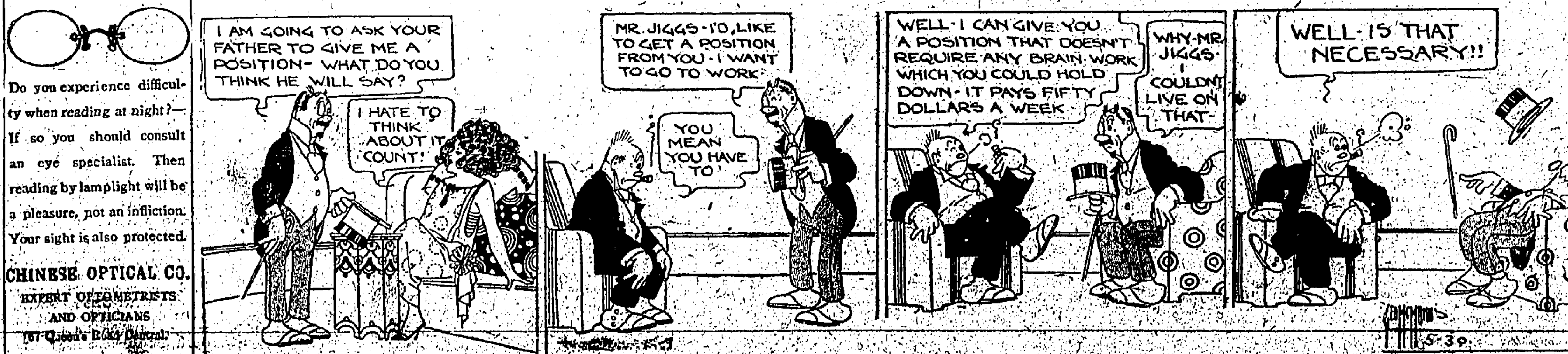
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Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui  
during the years 1904-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with  
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Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet  
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To obtain the depth of water on the  
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Hongkong, Coast Ports &c.—Dep-  
ression on typhoon of unknown  
intensity within 120 miles in  
Lat. 14° N Long 125° E, moving  
West.

August 2d 10h 55m—Warning to  
Hongkong, Coast Ports &c.—Ty-  
phoon of unknown intensity within  
60 miles of Lat. 18° N Long 124° E,  
moving North.

August 2d 10h 50m—Pressure  
has decreased slightly from Shang-  
hai to the Philippines. It has  
increased slightly at Yap and over  
N. Indo-China.

The depression over S.W. China  
is more shallow this morning.  
The typhoon has curved north-  
ward. At 6 a.m. this morning it  
was about 200 miles East of  
Aparri.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours  
ending at 10 a.m. 10-day, 9.00 inch.  
Total since January 1st, 45.37 inches.  
Against an average of 52.53 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at  
noon on August 3, 1923.

1—Formosa Channel, N. winds  
freshening considerably.

2—South coast of China, between  
Ansonia and Lamoka, N. winds,  
freshening considerably.

3—Hongkong, N. or N. by E. or vari-  
able winds, light to moderate; fine.

4—South coast of China, between  
Hongkong and Hainan, S.E. winds,  
moderate.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,  
HONGKONG.

## DAILY WEATHER REPORT

AUGUST 2, 1923. a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. at Sea Level. Temperature. Humidity. Direction. Force.

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"SARFEDON" 7th Aug. Marseilles, London and Rotterdam  
"LAONEN" 20th Aug. London, Rotterdam and Hamburg  
"PATROCLOS" 4th Sept. Marseilles, London and Rotterdam  
"LYCAON" 17th Sept. London, Rotterdam and Hamburg

## LIVERPOOL SERVICE

(Direct or via Continental Ports)  
"TITAN" 15th Aug. Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow  
"AGAMEMNON" 1st Sept. Marseilles, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow  
"ET. TEMPLAR" 20th Sept. Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow

## PACIFIC SERVICE

(via Kobe and Yokohama)  
"PROTEUS" 11th Aug. Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver  
"ACHILLES" 13th Sept. Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver

## NEW YORK SERVICE

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"TALYTHUS" 14th Aug. via Suez.  
"ANTIOCHUS" 5th Sept. via Suez.

## PASSENGER SERVICE

"PATROCLOS" 6th Aug. for Shanghai  
"SARFEDON" 7th Aug. for Singapore, Marseilles & London  
"PATROCLOS" 4th Sept. Singapore, Marseilles & London  
"MENTOR" 24th Sept. for Singapore & London  
"THESIAS" 5th Nov. for Singapore & London

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